



# Let's Drive !

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**Delmarva Driving Club,  
Inc**

## Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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A General Membership Meeting was held on Sunday, September 26, 2021 in conjunction with the Delaware Equine Council's Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive Event at Redden Forest. Minutes of the last General Membership meeting, held on November 5, 2020, were approved as sent out. As of 9/26/21, the treasury had a beginning balance of \$8,515.41. Expenses were \$751.18 (\$575.59 was for insurance) giving an ending balance of \$7,764.23. The report was accepted as presented. The Show Committee reported that the May 2021 Show had a profit of \$1,200 with 27 entries. This was the most successful Show to date. The May, 2022 Show will be held on May 14th at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, Maryland. Show Chairman Pam Gray is in the process of

securing a Judge for the Show and has contacted Rebecca Merritt. The food vendor and port-a-pots have been already been contracted. As always, volunteers are needed both the day before the show and the day of the Show. Pam thanked all volunteers who make the 2021 show possible. It would not happen without the hard work of the volunteers. Please contact her if you would like to volunteer for the 2022 event.

Frances Baker reported that members have been very appreciative of the Sunshine Cards she has sent. Please continue to let her know of 'Sunshine needs'.

Once again it has been reported that a number of member's emails have been hacked. DO NOT send money or gift cards to other club members. This is not something that would ever be sanctioned by the club. It is a scam and is almost

impossible to make it stop (it is reported each time it occurs).

Michele Novack is gathering information from Maryland and surrounding states concerning what organizations and networks are in place for the rescue of horses and other large animals. There are currently four large animal rescue operations set up in Maryland. More information and pictures will be in upcoming newsletters.

Holding an indoor December General Membership meeting was addressed. Due to Covid-19 it still may not be wise to hold an indoor event. This will be discussed further at the November 4th regular Board Meeting. Rather than a face-to-face gathering, email ballots can be sent to members for the year end election of officers and board members.

### Attention!!

DDC Board Meeting on **Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:30 pm.** The meeting is open to the Membership—members may speak on a subject, but they may not vote. Meetings will now be held via Zoom and an invitation will be sent via email 1 week prior to the meeting.

## Nominations for the 2022 DDC Board of Directors

Once again it is time for our year end Elections and Members Frances Baker and Diane Savage are chairing the Nominating Committee. Positions available are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer (these positions serve a one year term), and five Board of Director positions (these positions serve a two year term). Listed below are the minimum duties of each office, however additional duties may be assigned.

1. **President:** Preside at all business meetings, voting only as a tie breaker. Set committee chairpersons, appoint nominating committee, and perform all such duties as prescribed by the current Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club.
2. **Vice-President:** Presides at business meetings in the absence of the President. In addition, shall perform all such duties as prescribed by the current Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club.
3. **Secretary:** Shall keep and preserve the minutes of all meetings of the Club, maintain an accurate and complete record of the membership roster (this responsibility may be delegated to a Membership Chairperson), respond to correspondence as directed and notify new members of their acceptance. An attendance record is to be kept for all meetings. In addition, is to perform all such duties as prescribed by the current Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club.
4. **Treasurer:** Is custodian of all monies of the Club, and handles the disbursement of funds with checks to be signed by the treasurer or other authorized board member. A verbal (or written) report is to be presented at each business meeting. An accurate written report of the financial condition of the Club shall be prepared quarterly for the April, July, October, and December meetings, and in preparation for turning over financial records to the incoming treasurer. In addition, is to perform all such duties as prescribed by the current Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club.
5. **Directors:** Contribute to the leadership of the Club and may be requested to fill assorted responsibilities as set forth in Standing Rules, attached to this document.

Board meetings are held bimonthly via Zoom format and as needed to conduct business. The Club also tries to hold three General Membership meetings per year (February, September, and December). If you are interested in serving, contact the Nominating Committee or any Board Member. A Slate of Officers will be presented in the November Newsletter and be voted on in December. A decision regarding holding an in-person December general membership meeting will be further discussed at the November 4th Board Meeting. The method of voting will also be decided at that time. Look for the details in the November Newsletter or via Club email.



## Members Out and About



← Anna Klumpp driving her VSEs as a Tandem Hitch at MARD



Michele Novack driving her Cleveland Bay Libby at MARD ↑



← Linda Thomas driving Bonnie the Haflinger at a wedding at Worsell Manor



← Bill and Liz Venditta at Ludwigs Corner Horse Show in PA. Bill is driving his Gelderlanders Bullet & Elvis

## Members Out and About (cont.)



↑ Anna Klumpp driving Ditty and Kim Baklarz driving Jerry at MARD



↑ Shannon Gandee and her Horse Beau at Autumn Grove Stable



↑ Michele Novack doing a harnessing and driving demonstration at the Anne Arundel County Fair with Libby



Charlie Purnell and her Welsh pony Minny at Villa Louis Carriage Show

## The Art of Coaching



Coaching has been defined as the art or sport of controlling and directing draft animals from a coach or other conveyance to which they are harnessed. This sport was inspired by the English mail runs of the 18th and 19th centuries and wealthy Englishmen and women began to take up coaching as both a social and leisure activity and a competitive sport. As coaching gained popularity, road coaches and drags, carriages similar to the mail coaches, became commonplace on the roadways. A road coach is a style of sporting carriage that is horsed and driven by its owner.

Owner/drivers were responsible for the maintenance of his or her coach as well as stabling and caring for their horses. In addition to the ten passengers the coach could hold it also had accommodations at the rear for two footmen—paid staff along on the journey to assist passengers on and off of the coach as well as maintain the team of horses when the whip stepped away from the coach. Coaching was not limited to men. Women's clubs allowed

female whips to learn the skills necessary for driving a four-in-hand team. In the beginning, the coaching clubs merely drove their teams to races, but soon developed routes comparable to those in England for timed runs. Coaching also became a prominent feature of the summer social scene and coaching parades served as a closing ceremony of the social season in many areas. These parades were an opportunity for the drivers and passengers to display their coaches, teams, and finery to each other, while also providing a spectacle for onlookers. However coaching runs and parades came to an end in 1907, as the popularity of the automobile began to increase. However John Seabrook, who began collecting and driving 19th century carriages in 1939, was instrumental in reviving the sport of "coaching" in the U.S when the sporting world had almost forgotten about carriage driving. There has been a resurgence of Coaching or Four-in-Hand Clubs whose mission is to collect, preserve, and perpetuate the history and traditions of coaching and the art of four-in-hand driving, as well as to promote the sport to its highest standards. DDC Member Frances Baker belongs to several Four-in-Hand Clubs and she recently attended the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Meet of the Four-in-Hand Club in Middleburg, Virginia on September 3<sup>rd</sup> through September 5<sup>th</sup>. There were nineteen turnouts that participated in three organized drives throughout the beautiful countryside of Middleburg. DDC Members Wayne Baker, Linda



## The Art of Coaching, cont.

Thomas, and Don Stewart, Jr. also attended the event. The host was Sandy Lerner, notably one of the first woman drivers, or whip, of the Four-In-Hand Club. Stabling was at Ayrshire Farm which is known for their Shire Horses. This was truly a sight to behold and a wonderful way to view the countryside!.



**Frances and Wayne Baker's turnout in front of the Main House at Ayrshire Farm**



**The Ayrshire Farm Stable**





## 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:

Sympathy was sent to Jess Tanglao and family on the loss of her father from a tragic fall. Sympathy was also sent to Ann Sanders on the loss of her beloved VSE Gambler.

Welcome to the Family cards were sent to Katelin McConkey Cook's addition of Freya the pony and John and Colleen Layton on their new Standardbred family member.

Congratulations were sent to Michele Novack on obtaining her CAA Carriage Proficiency Level 1

## The Joy of Driving

The month of September was filled with driving events with many of our Club Members participating. During the Labor Day Weekend, Bill and Liz Venditta participated in the 78th annual Ludwig's Corner Horse Show and Country Fair in Glenmoore, Pennsylvania.

The weekend following Labor Day, Charlie Purnell and Karen O'Day traveled to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin to participate in the Villa Louis Carriage Show.

On September 10th and 11th Suzy Stafford and Stafford Carriage Driving hosted the Double Down Driving Derby in Franklinville, NJ. On Saturday, Sherry Harris and Donna Hurst attended the Clinic entitled "How to Derby" and they reported that Suzy did a great job covering the rules (available on the ADS website) and the strategies to apply to be successful. On Sunday, John and Colleen Layton, Kate Pantelione, Katelin

McConkey Cook, and Jess, Rainier, and Millie Tanglao took part in 'Derby Driving'.

The morning event consisted of checking out the course, driving a 'practice' course, and then driving the same course to count in competition. In the afternoon, the participants got to check out the second course, drive a practice run on that course and drive it again for the actual competition. Everyone had a blast!



## Joy of Driving cont.



The CESHS (Combined Eastern Shore Horse Show) Finals (Medals and Derbies) plus a Horse Show were held at the Wicomico Equestrian Center on September 18th. Charlie Purnell, Michele Brauning, George Parris and Linda Thomas competed in the three Driving Classes that were offered. Linda Thomas and VSE Cricket were awarded the Champion Ribbon and Charlie Purnell and her Welsh Pony Minny received the Reserve Champion award. Michele Brauning and her VSEs did double duty as



they also entered in the Very Small Equine Halter, Showmanship and In Hand Trail Classes. Congratulations to all - it was a wonderful day!

The American Miniature Horse Association held their World Championship Show on September 24th - October 2, 2021 in Texas. Congratulations to Members Michele Brauning and Martha Duchnowski who attended the event



Atlantic County 4 H Fairgrounds in New Jersey was the site of a Driving Show on Saturday, September 25th. Congratulations go to DDC Members John Layton and Kate Pantelione. Kate drove the Layton's Hackney pony Magic and did well. John Layton drove Magic to a 1st Place win in the Cones and Scurry Classes. He also drove a horse named Oliver to a 1st Place finish in the Obstacle Class. Way to Go guys!





## Joy of Driving cont.

Sunday, September 26th was the Delaware Equine Council Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive event at Redden Forest Headquarters near Georgetown, DE. It was a beautiful day for a drive! Photos were taken by DDC Member Stan Vonasek.



## 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.

- 10/8-11/21 Garden State Combined Driving Event at the Horse Park of New Jersey. Check out the website: [gardenstatecde.com](http://gardenstatecde.com) for more details
- 10/15/21 Martins Auction at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in PA. 50th Anniversary 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA 17042. [www.martinauctioneers.com](http://www.martinauctioneers.com)
- 10/17/21 MLMDC PLEASURE DRIVING SCHOOLING SHOW. Spring Valley Park, PA. Secretary Claire Lacey 410 660 6447 [mlmdc2013@gmail.com](mailto:mlmdc2013@gmail.com)
- 10/24/21 DRIVING SHOW AT SUFFOLK STABLES, 1418 Old Indian Mills, Rd, Shamong 08088. [info@suffolkstables.com](mailto:info@suffolkstables.com) or call 609-346-7093. Website: <https://suffolkstables.com/suffolk-shows> Facebook: Suffolk Stables Show Series
- 11/7/21 DRIVING SHOW AT SUFFOLK STABLES, 1418 Old Indian Mills, Rd, Shamong 08088. [info@suffolkstables.com](mailto:info@suffolkstables.com) or call 609-346-7093. Website: <https://suffolkstables.com/suffolk-shows> Facebook: Suffolk Stables Show Series

Don't forget to use your Membership Roster in order to contact fellow members for a spur of the moment 'fun drive/get together'.

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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## Board of Directors

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**Vice President** Sherry Harris  
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**Sunshine Chair**  
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If you need to contact the Board of Directors/Officers or Committee Chairs, please use our new Club Email: [delmarvadrivingclub1983@gmail.com](mailto:delmarvadrivingclub1983@gmail.com)