



Let's Drive !



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**Delmarva Driving Club,
Inc**

Bits and Pieces — Club Information

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Attention!!

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

A DDC General Membership Meeting was held on September 30, 2018 and the following was discussed: There is \$8,598.56 in the Treasury with no outstanding bills at this time. A discussion ensued on having the May Pleasure Driving Show. For the past several years there have been enough entries, sponsorships, and advertising to have a profitable show. Due to the timing of the show, it has been used as a tune-up or a schooling event prior to shows like Devon, Morven, Orlenton, and the Lexington, Carriage Classic. We have also attracted entrants from other shows that have been cancelled and this is the only dedicated driving show in the area. The Caroline County 4-H Park is a terrific venue for a reasonable cost. For these reasons the general consensus is that a show should be held. However a Show Manager is needed, but we do have excellent volunteer

support. Michele Novack expressed interest in the position. Please contact any Board Member if you are interested in managing the Show.

With the weather finally more conducive to driving, several pleasure drives are in the works. Possible sites include: a November Drive at Jane and Chris Bailey's farm near Sudlersville, MD, a drive at either (or both) Wye Island in Queen Anne, MD or Blackbird State Forest near Smyrna, DE hosted by Sherry Harris. For off road drives from 3 to 10 miles, the Pocomoke Forest, Demonstration Forest, Randy Davis' farm outside Salisbury, MD, and Ann Luke's farm near Willards, MD will be explored. Anna Klumpp plans to host a drive on her farm in Still Pond, Md in the spring. Stan Vonasek will inquire at Cape Henlopen, DE regarding a drive on both the beach and the hard surface roads.

(Pneumatic tires would be necessary)

DDC Members Dave Wilson and Wilson's Auction will host a carriage drive on Sunday, November 11th beginning at 1 pm. (More information about the drive as well as the Auction is located in the Upcoming Events section.)

The Return Day Committee, who is organizing the Return Day Parade, on Thursday, November 8th, has requested horses, carriages, and volunteers for the parade. The event committee has made an effort to improve safety concerns and traffic control (please see the Upcoming Events section for more details). The Wells Fargo Stage Coach will be in the parade this year as an entry behind the dignitary's carriages.

Bits and Pieces — Club Information (cont.)

As a side note, George Parris announced that the Nutter Marvel Museum has received approval to build a climate-controlled building to better maintain the antique vehicles. It was suggested that the DDC should be generous with supporting their fund raising efforts.

Tuckahoe Equestrian Center has asked the DDC to represent the Driving Discipline in their upcoming Celebration of the Horse on Saturday, October 13th.

Please contact George Parris at 302-846-2189 if you would like to participate or volunteer. The Driving Demonstration is slated to begin at 2:30 pm.

Each year the Carriage Association of America holds a Newsletter Contest. The main purpose of this event is to increase communication and sharing of knowledge within each chapter and to provide ideas for other Chapters.

The DDC entered our February and August, 2018 issues of Let's Drive as well as an article about Anna Klumpp winning the VSE Preliminary Pairs Championship in Florida. The overall winner will receive \$200 and a Certificate of Recognition. Winners will be announced in December and formal recognition and awards will be presented at the CAA Learning Weekend January 24 - 26, 2019 in Sarasota, Florida.

Annual Delaware Equine Council Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive

Thanks again to the Delaware Equine Council for hosting their 6th Annual Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive on Sunday, September 30th –beautiful weather + wonderful people and horses + a fantastic place to drive = a great day! The event was held at Redden Forest Headquarter Tract near Georgetown, DE and 7 carriages were able to enjoy the approximate 5 mile drive. Afterwards everyone was able to socialize and enjoy the catered lunch by Shorty's. Looking forward to next year's event!



View of the trail from Mary Pines' perspective (over the back of Admiral)



Sherry Harris with Smarty



George and Elizabeth Parris with Freddie

Artistic Driving Demonstration on Saturday, September 22nd

DDC Member Nancy Offen hosted her Freestyle Artistic Driving Demonstration which was very well received by the fourteen folks in attendance. Following her introduction and the demonstration, Nancy gave rides with Salem (her VSE) to ten people. Salem was such a good boy and had perfect manners. Of the ten, two of the adults had never experienced driving before. It was such a joy to feel their excitement! One club member (Ann Luke) would like to get together with Nancy to work on a piece of music to perform together with their horses. You will notice that Nancy was not wearing formal driving attire as it is not necessary for Freestyle. However she was wearing a show special coat that was given to her by a teenage girl at the DE State Fair this past summer. The young lady almost died recently from an infection in her heart. Nancy wore the coat for her & in her honor."



Sunshine News

Darlene Logan reported the following Sunshine sent:

Get Well Wishes were sent to the following members:

Carol Seiler is recovering from thumb surgery

Kevin Wallis is recovering from a severe foot infection

Donna Hurst is recovering from a horse accident

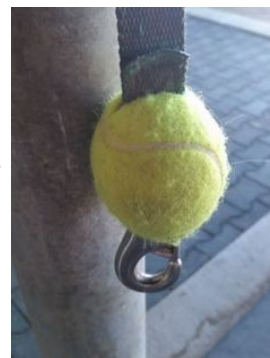
Call Darlene at 410-200-0960 or email her at maneship@yahoo.com to have Sunshine sent!



DIY Corner—Projects for Your Barn Using Recycled Materials

Use old tennis balls to cover the pointy end on electric fence stakes or t-posts. Just cut a slit in the ball large enough to slip it over the end of the post. You can also use them to cover the end of gate hinges. Thread tennis balls on your cross ties so your horse can't grab the tie and pull on it as easily. A couple of tennis balls thrown into the dryer with your down riding coat will help fluff it up as it dries. Tennis balls can be used as a massage tool on your horse too. Ground up tennis balls can be used to add 'bounce' to arena footing, however, this is probably beyond the abilities of a DIYer. Be careful a curious horse doesn't try to eat a tennis ball.

Cover Cross tie with tennis balls or trailer ties to protect your horse, yourself and your trailer



Members Out and About



Frances Baker driving a unicorn hitch

Nancy and Keith Offen driving Salem at Redden Forest



Pao Lin Hatch enjoying the World Equestrian Games in Tryon, NC



Judith Hartman successfully enjoying driving her ponies as a pair



Sherry Harris and Charlie Purnell enjoying a drive at Redden Forest

Upcoming Events!

- 10/13/18 Celebration of the Horse Event at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center from 10 am to 4 pm The Driving Demonstration will take place at 2:30 pm. Contact Anna Klumpp or George Parris for more information or to participate
- 10/14/18 MLMDC AUTUMN DAY IN THE PARK (Sunday, 10am–4pm). Hosted by My Lady's Manor Driving Club. Members and non-members welcome. \$10/per turnout in advance, \$20 that day. Open driving in the park and hazards available for your use. Noon – pot luck lunch – everyone is invited to bring their covered dish. Location: Spring Valley Park, Winters town, PA. Follow directions on registration form, GPS not reliable. Contact Sue Fair, donandsuefair@beavertrapfarm.com, 410-812-2498.
- 10/19-20/18 MARTIN'S FALL CARRIAGE AUCTION. Location: Lebanon Fair grounds, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA 17042. www.martinauctioneers.com.
- 10/20/18 34th Annual Amish Parochial School Sale 764 Winding Creek Dr. Dover, DE 19904. The sale starts at 8:30 am
- 10/25-28/18 MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL DRIVE (MARD). Location: Fair Hill NRMA, Elkton, MD. Info: Heidi Ferguson (email: midatlantic@americandrivingsociety.org or (302) 632-8024) You must register for this event.
- 11/4/18 Teddy Bear's Picnic at Fair Hill, MD. This event [Combined Test (Dressage & Cones) and a Teddy Bear Trot (Whimsical Country Drive)] is only open to Brandywine Valley Driving Club members – but volunteers and spectators are welcome
- 11/8/18 Be a part of History—the Return Day Committee is looking for carriages and 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 and the auction starts at 4 pm on Monday, November 12th. The event will be held at Wilson's Auction 10120 Dupont Blvd Lincoln, Delaware
- 12/1/18 DDC General Membership, Elections, and Christmas Party at the Ruthsburg Community Center, 105 Damsontown Rd, Queen Anne, MD. Full details will be in the November Newsletter

Volunteering at the World Equestrian Games

The word 'volunteer' means someone who gives time, effort and talent to a need or cause without profiting monetarily. When I discovered the World Equestrian Games, an event held every four years, in the middle of the Olympic cycle, was going to be in North Carolina at the Tryon International Equestrian Center, I couldn't volunteer fast enough. This is the second time the event has been held in the United States (last time was in 2010 in Kentucky). What's neat about this event is that all the competitions involve horses!! I attended the 2010 games as a spectator, but this time I wanted to be more involved. What a fantastic experience!!!! Even though everything about the event was last minute (the original host, Bromont, Canada, backed out at the last moment leaving Tryon only 19 months to build and organize everything!) it all came together - was it perfect - NO, but it was well planned and executed for the horses. The stables, rings, and courses were beautiful. Seating for spectators and completion of the facilities - not great in all venues!!! However I will never forget my experience as a volunteer!. I had free housing and meals and was able to experience all the action up close and personal. I drove a golf cart to deliver water and ice to the judges, information stations, etc. which allowed me a glimpse into every aspect of the games - from the barns to the parking lots! On Saturday I was a timer for the driving marathon and a cone setter on Sunday - there are not enough words to describe these positions. Team USA even won a gold medal in the driving and Chester Weber won an individual silver medal. Even better were the friendships I made with people from all over the world - my roommates at the Church Mission, where we were housed, were from Portugal, Guatemala, and Finland. It was so neat to hear all the different languages at mealtimes!!! If you ever get the chance to do something like this - take it!!!!

My accommodations at the Church Mission



USA's Misdee Wrigley Miller competing in the Marathon at Obstacle 7



Misdee Wrigley Miller in the Dressage Arena



My Volunteer Credentials

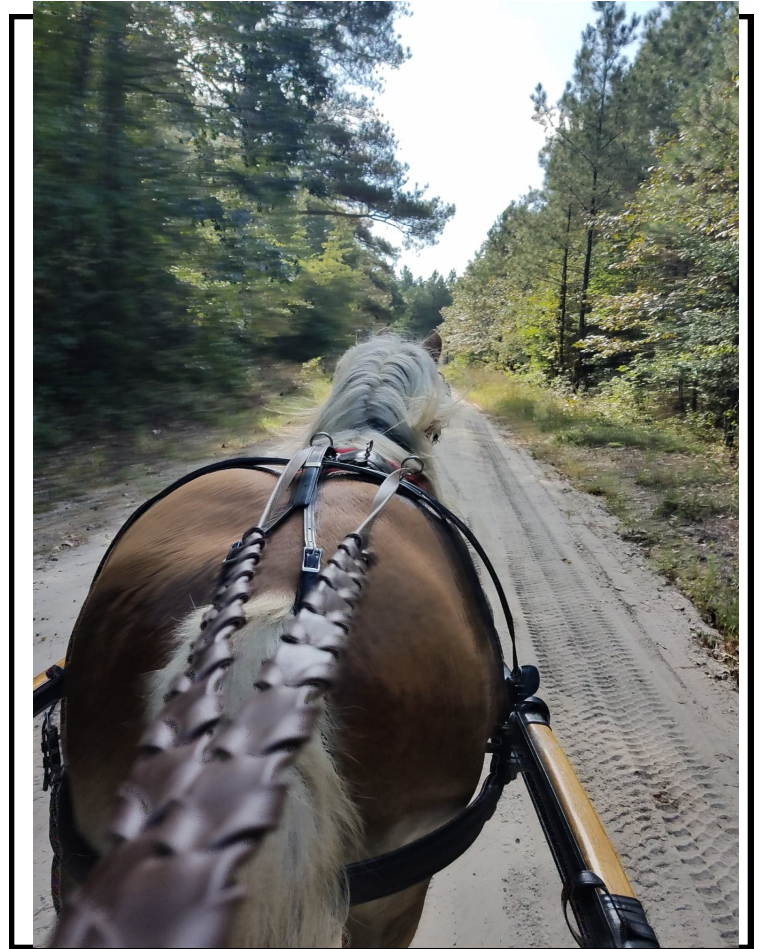
Your Club Needs You

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!!!!

As 2018 is coming to an end, it is time once again for the Election of Officers. Positions open are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee is Nancy Offen, Diane Savage, and Linda Thomas. Please feel free to contact them with your suggestions. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the General Membership Meeting on December 1st. Proposed nominations will be published by November 1st for the membership's review. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Board Member. The only criteria necessary to become a Board Member is to be a member of the club in good standing for at least a year. The Officers serve a one year term, whereas the five Board of Directors members serve a two year term.

The December General Membership meeting will be held at the Ruthsburg Community Center in Queen Anne, MD. Kim Baklarz has once again volunteered to organize this event, however she can always use more 'elves'. Opportunities available are: Decorating, Coordination of Food, and Clean Up. More details specific to the event will be available in the November Newsletter. If you would like to help Kim, please call her at 410-490-6548 or email her at kimbaklarz@yahoo.com.





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