



# Let's Drive !

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## Bits and Pieces—Club Information

### Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

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A DDC Board Meeting was held on Thursday, September 3, 2020 and the minutes of the July Board Meeting were approved with corrections. The Treasury report had a starting balance of \$7,719.43. Expenses were \$187.52 and deposits totaled \$470, leaving an ending balance of \$8,002.21. The report was accepted as presented. Pam Gray, Show Chairman, gave an update on the status of our upcoming Annual Pleasure Driving Show. In view of the current Covid situation, there are many new policies to be implemented. We have developed a Plan in an effort to give everyone the best

experience and stay within the parameters set forth by the CDC and the Governor. Your temperature will be taken prior to entering the Show grounds and a Covid waiver will need to be signed. We are encouraging pre-registration, however you can still register on the day of the Show, **just allow extra time.** Sanitizing stations will be set up in several areas and unless you are in a carriage, you should maintain 6 foot distancing and wear a mask (especially in high traffic areas). Ribbons will be placed in a labeled bag on a table for people to collect when they feel it is ok to do so. All of these changes will remain in effect until further

notice. We are making every effort to ensure the safety of everyone and want the Show to be a success, so please use your best judgment and keep yourself and everyone else safe.

Due to current circumstances, in lieu of a Fall General Membership Meeting the November 5th Board Meeting will act as the Fall Meeting. Members will be encouraged to use the Conference Call System. Watch your newsletter, Facebook, and email for information.

A Survey will be sent to the General Membership in order to obtain feedback in order to plan Club events. Please take the time to respond! Your input is important.

#### Attention!!

\* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2020. This meeting will act as our Fall General Membership Meeting. To participate call: 1-877-216-1555 and enter 290535#

## Nominating Committee

Prior to our December Meeting, the Nominating Committee has been charged with developing a Slate of Officers and Directors for 2021. Positions open for nomination are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Director positions which will serve a two year term. Frances Baker is the Chairperson of this Committee and would appreciate your assistance with nominations. Please call her at 302-382-2979 if you would like to serve or have a nomination. To serve, you need to be a member of the Club for at least a year. The Slate of Proposed officers and Directors must be presented to the membership one month prior to the Election.



## Autumn Grove Stable Show Has Driving!!!

Autumn Grove Stables, located in Berlin, Maryland, hosted a Driving Division at their Show on August 8th. There were five entries and a great time was had by all! The Judge was Judge Renee Looney .



← Karen O'Day driving Fireball Annie

Charlie Purnell driving Minny ↑



Linda Thomas driving Cricket



Tara Bruning's Welsh named Skye



Charlie Purnell and Minny



## Dreams Come True at the 2020 National Standardbred Show in New Jersey

We all have goals or a Bucket List, but the best part is when someone we know accomplishes an item on their list. John and Colleen Layton share a passion for anything equine. For years, they have both ridden and driven all types of horses and ponies. The story below is about one of their most recent challenges. Even though the end result was not their original plan, it was absolutely successful. This year long effort took a Team, but it was worth it as the story shows – acquiring a retired Standardbred racehorse to driving in the 2020 National Standardbred Show. Their memories and friendships will last a lifetime and their Tailgate Parties are now becoming legendary! Congratulations John and Colleen Layton on your success with Miss Cora!



**The Story:** So I love driving the Hackney ponies with all their movement, but they are just not big enough for both Colleen and I to ride in the cart/carriage. I was always trying to find the right Marathon carriage and then trying to fix the man made problems that came with them from the Hackney Show World. I got to thinking that if we started with a baby, we could do everything the way we wanted to eliminate these issues. So I thought it would be great to start with a big Standardbred mare and breed her to a Dutch Harness horse in order to get the stable temperament of the Standardbred and the movement of the DHH. Colleen and I agreed to give it a try. We have a great friend that came to the US from Denmark about 30 years ago as a Standardbred groom. We've always talked about the training techniques in Denmark as compared to the US, which I find very interesting. We told her our idea and that we were looking for a big mare with a stable temperament. Since our friend still has a lot of connections with race horse trainers, she discovered a mare within 10 days that might meet our needs. We went 'to look her over' and saw a big, beautiful 16h mare named Cora Louise! I wanted to see her move, so we took her out to the paddock and let her go. She had a huge trot, an arched neck, and her tail cranked over her back – she was just beautiful. She actually ran right at me and veered away at the last minute to test me and I liked that. She was foaled in 2008, had 4 wins with \$35,000 in earnings, and a career marked time of 1:57.3. She was retired and became a broodmare producing 4 foals, one of which is racing now. So we took her. Fast forward

a couple of weeks – we looked at a couple of DHH Stallions and I found one that I loved in PA. When we had her vet checked, she required treatment for a uterine infection (it wasn't a cheap treatment but the result was good). After daily vet checks for ovulation, Colleen and I were finally able to pick up the semen and we bred her. We waited the 18 days and nothing showed. The vet cultured her again and this time a different uterine infection was discovered, so we decided not to breed her again, but would start driving her. On 8/8/2019 we began taking lessons with Suzy Stafford and Miss Cora made good progress. However we had some issues with her just wanting to trot all the time, speeding up when you



Waldemar the Stallion

pulled in the reins, and wanting to race everything that was near her! A lot of time was spent working on those issues!. In November, we took her to Pam Kister's Grey Horse Stables to participate in a Gettysburg drive. We drove cones, the obstacles , and the trail drive around her farm. The first time we





## Dreams Come True, continued



had a stream crossing she jumped it (she was hooked to the marathon carriage). On the last day we went on the drive at Gettysburg Park. There were 8 carriages and we started out at the end. We drove to the park road and that was all she needed - 7 horses in front of her and a big grey road that looked like a race track! She was really a handful that day and we ended up passing everyone and basically driving by ourselves. At one point we even passed a tour bus – you should have seen the look on those people's faces. After we got home I learned about the National Standardbred Show and my new training goal was to show there in 2020. We put in a lot of hours driving and driving cones which she loves. But the only vehicle that I had for her was a marathon carriage. Luckily we train with an awesome group that included Mike and Dawn Pontz - we trained every week all year long! They had a gig that was too big for their horses, but the shafts were too short for

Cora. So I bought the gig because it was gorgeous. I simply put new curved shafts on the vehicle to fit her and it came out beautifully. Since I only had a synthetic, every day harness, I borrowed a leather and brass harness from the Pontz's as well as a Holly whip. Another problem we had to overcome was Miss Cora is the pickiest eater that we have ever had. Colleen had the hard job of keeping her looking good with special care and diet. Cora had stomach issues and was always belching and groaning. She would also get very hot and it would be hard to get her respirations down. Colleen fixed that by finally getting her to eat a different diet (Poulin feed supplemented by Purina Outlast for the stomach issues and natural Vitamin E from DAC and alfalfa at lunch). This did the trick and fixed all of these issues. Finally the day of the Show arrived and it was raining! The classes got moved into the Indoor Arena – Miss Cora had never been in an indoor before. But we walked her around in there to get her used to the loud speaker and the rain on the roof and she adjusted fine. All went well and it was a great day! In fact John and Cora won Best Turnout, both of the Obstacle Classes, resulting in Champion of the Obstacle Division, and placed in 3 Pleasure Driving Classes!





## 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:

Get Well Soon to Deb Dawkins and Shannon Gandee who both broke bones in their feet!

Feel Better Soon to Ann Sanders who had a medical procedure

Congratulations to John Layton and Miss Cora on their wins in the National Standardbred Show and reaching their training goal within a year!!!

## Welcome New Members

Our newest members are Jessica, Rainier and Mildred Tanglao. Jessica has been driving for over 15 years and now owns her own Commercial Carriage Company and Training Stable in Denton, MD. She is a dealer for Ideal Harness and Carriage Imports and even groomed for Paul Maye in Advanced CDE's with his 4-in-Hand. They would love to participate and volunteer in Club events and we look forward to them joining us!



## Test your Knowledge!!

- What color are carriage driving gloves?
  - White
  - Black
  - Brown
- A Sporting Day of Traditional Driving includes:
  - Turnout Inspection, A Country Drive, and a Cones Course
  - Driven Dressage and Cones
  - Driven Dressage, Cones, and Marathon
- This type of wood was favored as a whip handle by drivers in the American West. They could be buried in axle grease or a manure pile to make them more flexible.
  - Oak
  - Hickory
  - Elm
- This color harness was used in the country for informal occasions partly because it looked better in dusty conditions and was thought to be easier to clean.
  - Russet
  - Black
  - Pink



## A Sporting Day of Traditional Driving

The DDC will be holding A Sporting Day of Traditional Driving event on Saturday, September 26th at the farm of Frances and Wayne Baker in Harbeson, Delaware. A Sporting Day of Traditional Driving is the American version of the popular European **Internationale d'Attelage de Tradition**. This event was set up to celebrate the bygone days of driving. During the day, you will be judged on horsemanship, good judgment, and quick decision making while driving. Your turnout will also be judged on the pride you have taken in presenting (cleanliness, etc.) your carriage, the suitability of your harness, and of course good sportsmanship.

Your day of driving is comprised of three sections:

**First is the Turnout Inspection:** you will be judged on the cleanliness, safety, and the general overall impression that you, your harness, your carriage, your horse and any other person that is in your carriage. Any type of rein handling (one or two hands) is allowed as long as it matches the type of vehicle that you are driving. Your harness should be suitable for the type of carriage you are driving and be in good working order. It should be of a proper weight for the carriage and have the proper collar and saddle as needed. Synthetic or leather is allowed but leather is more preferred as it is the traditional type that was used with all antique carriages. You will be judged at the halt as well as on the move. Horses or ponies must be clean and well groomed with no boots or bandages allowed. All types of carriages or carts are allowed but antiques or reproductions are preferred. If lamps are carried they must be of the proper type and in working condition. In this part of the Traditional Day of Driving you can earn up to 50 points.

**Second is the Country Drive:** in this phase you will be showing your ability to drive safely in a variety of situations. All rules of the road are to be observed. The driver is allowed to walk, trot and halt his horse at will. However you will need to keep your horse at a steady pace to be able to complete the course in the allotted time. The distance will be 4 miles. The course will include ten (10) simple driving tests along the way. The course will also include course gates so that all drivers are sure to go the same distance. All types of equine are allowed to participate at a speed set forth for their type of equine (horse, pony, miniature). You start the drive with 25 points and then points are deducted any failed driver's test, for not completing the course in the required time and not going through a mandatory gate. Judging is based on an honor system as you bring (or are) your own Judge.

**Third is the Cones Course:** this is a demonstration of the driver's ability to drive through a set of cones at the proper speed and without hitting any of them. You only need to complete within the required time allowed. The cones are driven at a trot and there are 6 sets of cones. The width of the cones will vary from 18" to 24" wider than the axle width of the vehicles. The speed allowed will depend on the type of equine being driven. You again will start with 25 points and deductions will be taken for balls down, cantering, exceeding time allowed, going out of order and failing to go through a set of cones.

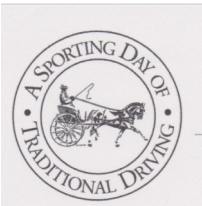
Even though a Sporting Day of Traditional Driving does contain competitive elements, each turnout is competing against an ideal, rather than against the other turnouts. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, register by completing the attached form on the next page and return them to:

Linda Thomas

31384 Melson Road

Delmar, MD 21875

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Frances Baker at 302-381-2979



# Entry Form for a Sporting Day of Traditional Driving

Driver's Name & Contact Info.: \_\_\_\_\_

Carriage Info: (type, builder, date): \_\_\_\_\_

Equine(s) (breed, age, sex, height): \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Grooms/Passengers: \_\_\_\_\_

## Release:

In consideration of being permitted to participate in driving activities at the Sporting Day of Traditional Driving being held at Hollyville Farm on 9/26/2020, I, for myself, guests, and any minor children for which I am parent, legal, guardian, or otherwise responsible, any heirs, personal representatives or assigns, do hereby release: Hollyville Farms and Delmarva Driving Club, Inc., its principals, directors, officers, and volunteers, from all liability and waive any claim for damage arising from any cause whatsoever.

**WARNING:** It is understood that ALL CDC guidelines are to be followed by ALL attendees in regards to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. and Hollyville Farms can not be held responsible for non compliance of CDC regulations, guidelines, rules etc.

**WARNING:** Entering the driving area is in itself a dangerous activity due to the presence of equipment, animals, weather hazards, and natural and artificial obstacles. By signing this form, you acknowledge that you understand all risks involved in equine activities and/or being on the premises, whether participating, watching, or just entering the area. Further you expressly assume liability for an injury or damage that may occur for any reason whatsoever.

I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND RESPONSIBILITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT I MAY BE WAIVING VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS. DO NOT SIGN ABOVE UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THE ABOVE STATEMENTS IN ENTIRETY.

Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Passengers' Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee (includes a Chicken Lunch) is **\$30** (*you must pre-enter*—make check payable to: DDC, Inc.

No. Of Lunches \_\_\_\_\_  White Meat  Dark Meat



# Members Out and About



Maddy Zacharkow and Oreo



Bill Venditta and his Gelderlanders at Fair Hill—approaching the Covered Bridge



Mary and Ed Nelson with Roo enjoying a drive at Fair Hill

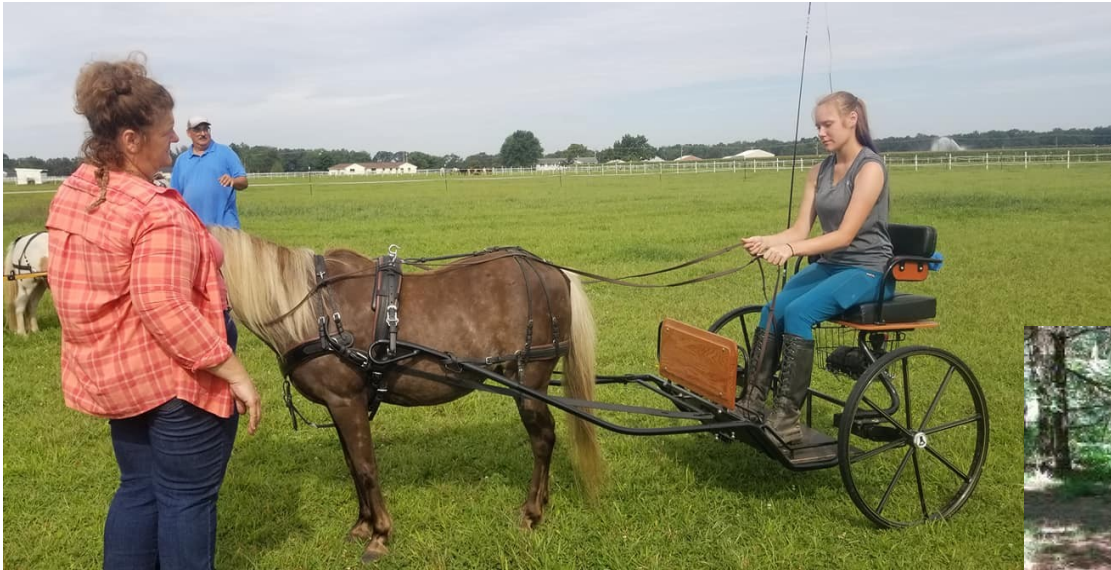


Frances Baker driving a Tandem





# Members Out and About, continued



John and Colleen Layton with Jazz - helping Juniors learn to drive!



Anna Klumpp driving Sky and Jerry



Jess Tanglao driving Savannah and Dancer



Linda Thomas and Jake the Haflinger at the Beach in Ocean City





## The Auctioning of the Late Richard Calhoun's Carriage Collection

Richard Calhoun was a past DDC Member and an avid carriage enthusiast. Upon his death in 2019, he had an extensive collection of well over a hundred vehicles. On August 8<sup>th</sup> Martin Auctioneers presided over the sale of these unique vehicles. Many DDC Members came out just to view the collection, as there may never be one like it again. The best part of the Sale is that several carriages and accessories have found a new life. One of the pieces was the Georgetown Silver Cornet Band

Wagon which was even featured at the opening of the Carriage Museum at The Museums at Stony Brook around 1951. So it is fitting that the Georgetown Silver Cornet Band Wagon was purchased by Frances and Wayne Baker, who then generously donated it to the Nutter Marvel

Museum in Georgetown, DE. This is wonderful as this vehicle just needed to stay local!



Sixteen vehicles were purchased by John Allegra from Allegra Farm in Colchester, Connecticut and these vehicles will be used in the Movie and TV Industry! Mr. Allegra has provided carriages and horses for countless movies over the decades. The most recent movie was Little Women which was released in December, 2019. Some other movie productions have included Steven Spielberg's "Amistad", "The Time Machine", and "Kate and Leopold." Television appearances have included, "Sex in the City", and "Ed". Since many of Richard Calhoun's carriages were in their original finish, they were a perfect match for Allegra who caters to those who desire a unique experience with a bygone era. Mr. Allegra is now working in Troy, NY on an upcoming television series entitled the 'Gilded Age'. Maybe one of Richard's vehicles will be utilized.

One of the big Body Breaks went to Europe and the Bar Harbor Wagon went to a private collector.





## 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 as many events have been cancelled or rescheduled.

- 9/13/20 Suffolk Stables Show Series is offering a Driving Division at this Show. It consists of a Working Pleasure Class, Reinsmanship Class, Cones, and Dressage (ADS Test A). Classes begin around 12 noon and Suffolk Stables is located in Shamong, NJ. For more information, check out their Facebook page or their website—[www.suffolkstables.com](http://www.suffolkstables.com)
- 9/19/20 The Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD is also offering Driving Classes at several of their upcoming shows. The classes consist of Pleasure Driving Open, Turnout, and Reinsmanship. For more information, check out their webpage—[www.wicomicoequestriancenter.org](http://www.wicomicoequestriancenter.org)
- 9/20/20 Buxmont Driving Show in Tylersport, PA. The Judge is Kail Palmer—Miller
- 9/26/20 A Sporting Day of Traditional Driving at Hollyville Farm. See more information about this event on pages 6 & 7.
- 9/27/20 Autumn Grove Stable in Berlin, Maryland is offering a Driving Division at their Show. Information regarding the Prize List and Entry Form can be found on [HorseShowing.com](http://HorseShowing.com)
- 10/11/20 Suffolk Stables Show Series is offering a Driving Division at this Show. It consists of a Working Pleasure Class, Reinsmanship Class, Cones, and Dressage (ADS Test A). Classes begin around 12 noon and Suffolk Stables is located in Shamong, NJ. For more information, check out their Facebook page or their website—[www.suffolkstables.com](http://www.suffolkstables.com)
- 10/23/20 Martin Auction Fall Sale at Lebanon Fairgrounds in Lebanon, PA
- 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](http://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](mailto: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

For anyone who has to hitch a Gooseneck Trailer—this is still one of the best Hacks Out there. Simply place a plunger over the ball and back up!



Way to go Shannon Gandee! She sent a new harness to Sky Fires—Practical Pony in West Virginia! Now some of the smaller ponies that can't be ridden can be taught one more thing to help increase their adoptability.







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and Instagram!  
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