



Let's Drive !

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Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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Attention!!

- * DDC General Membership Meeting on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 2 pm at Redden Forest Headquarters
- * DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, November 4, 2021. The meeting is open to the Membership—members may speak on a subject, but they may not vote. This will be a Zoom Meeting—look for an invitation one week prior.

A DDC Board Meeting was held on Thursday, August 26, 2021 and the minutes of the July 1st Board Meeting were approved. The Treasury report had a starting balance of \$8,515.93. Expenses were \$0.52 leaving an ending balance of \$8,515.41. The report was accepted as presented.

The Show Committee reported that they are working on the 2022 Pleasure Show. Since the venue is taken for Saturday, May 7th, an application for the date of Saturday, May 14th will be made to the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, Maryland. The search is still continuing for a Judge. As always volunteers are needed and welcomed. Please contact Show Manager Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 or pgray59@hughes.net if you would like to help with the Show Committee.

The DDC Board is responsible for operating and maintaining the best interests of our members and each December we have the opportunity to elect members to fulfill this duty. If you have a desire to serve the Club - don't hesitate to volunteer for one of these positions. The Club needs you! Voting will take place at the General Membership Meeting in December. 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). In order to serve, you must be a member of the Club for at least one year. The Nominating Committee consists of Frances Baker (francesbaker65@gmail.com; 302-381-2979) and Diane Savage (savagpearl@aol.com; 410-641-1837). Please let them know if you are interested in serving! Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the December General

Membership Meeting. There will be a DDC General Membership Meeting held in conjunction with the Delaware Equine Council's Membership Appreciation Day Ride and Drive on Sunday, September 26th at Redden Forest outside of Georgetown, Delaware. **The drive will start at 10 am sharp** for the carriages, with the horseback riders following. Lunch will be available for purchase at \$15 and this deal entitles you to an Annual Membership in the Delaware Equine Council! The DDC Meeting is scheduled to begin at 2 pm. Anna Klumpp has started exploring the possible benefits of the DDC being a Member of the MD Horse Board Industry. However a decision regarding membership was tabled for a later date. Frances Baker will host a 'Knowledge Feast' on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at her Hollyville Farm. The goal of this

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event is to learn about carriage appointments for various types of driving (pleasure, showing, commercial, etc.) that are of interest to our members as well as to share resources for driving items. A lite lunch will be served. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Anna Klumpp would like to host a fun Day at her Farm which would include a Cones Course. The tentative date is late October, early November. Watch for more details.

With the on going Covid pandemic, it has remained extremely difficult to plan events. We will continue to monitor the Covid guidelines and attempt to plan events accordingly.

Meet Our New Member

Welcome new Member Leslie Beebe Seidel. Leslie is from Coudersport PA and has owned and shown horses most of her life. A little over eight years ago, she was involved in a horrible car accident. After recovering, she discovered that working with big horses wasn't an option anymore, so she went the opposite direction and began driving VSEs (minis or Very Small Equines). Her heart horse is named Onyx—a 37 inch black and white mare. Leslie has competed in pleasure shows, dressage, cones, derbies, parades, and trail driving! Onyx and Leslie drove over 275 miles to participate in our DDC Pleasure Show in May. They were the Grand Champions of the VSE Division! Leslie owns Farm House Custom Embroidery (FHCE) which is a full service embroidery company. She can embroider anything from the most delicate baby clothing to heavy horse blankets and Carhart style jackets.



The Joy of Driving

The month of August was filled with driving events with many of our Club Members participating.



The 22nd Annual Pleasure Driving Show at Orleton Farm in Stockbridge, Massachusetts was held August 14th and 15th. The Berkshires had great history in the gilded age with the large estates and wonderful carriage houses as the place to come and be seen driving your horse and carriage. Harvey and Mary Waller make their home at Orleton Farm, which has been in Mary's family since 1900 and has always been a horse facility. They host this fabulous show. DDC Members Charlie Purnell, Karen O'day, Bill and Liz Venditta, and Don Stewart, Jr. enjoyed a successful two days of driving. Charlie entered the Single Pony Division with her Welsh Pony named Minny. She also entered the Carriage Dog Class with Foxy who received 3rd Place. Bill Venditta entered Pair Classes with his Gelderlanders and received several Championships as well as the Concours d' Elegance Award. Way to Go!!



On August 15th the Layton Family participated in the annual National Standardbred Horse Show held at the Horse Park of New Jersey. This year Colleen Layton handled the reins and she did a fantastic job with Miss Cora, even driving their newly restored Road Cart! She participated in Pleasure Driving and Reinsmanship (received a 5th and 6th) as well as in two Cones Courses! Colleen and Cora earned a 4th and 5th in the cones, but they had no balls down!!! This Show was a huge learning curve for Colleen as she is used to driving her small pony Jazz versus a huge standardbred in classes with horses that are frequently just off the Racetrack. John and Colleen are wonderful supporters for the second careers of these beautiful horses! Way to go Team Layton!!!!



On August 14th Autumn Grove Stables in Berlin, MD hosted a Combined Eastern Shore Horse Show in which there were three Driving Classes. Many thanks go to DDC Member Michele Brauning who was the driving component's biggest promotor. She brought three of her VSEs, showed in both the In Hand and Driving Classes (she even loaned one of her VSE's to a fellow driver), and organized a fantastic 'tailgate picnic'

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following the classes. Congratulations go to DDC Members Michele Brauning, Shannon Gandee, George Parris, and Linda Thomas for braving the heat, competing, and having fun driving! This was Shannon's very first time in judged driving classes.



The 4-H Atlantic County Fair in Mays Landing, NJ was held on August 6th and 7th. 4-H is a place where young people have many opportunities to build confidence, learn responsibility, and develop skills that will last them a lifetime. DDC Member Kate Pantelione is an active 4-Her and one of her projects was John and Colleen Layton's Shetland Pony named Jazz. In 2019, the Laytons met Kate at a Horse Show on the Atlantic County 4-H Fairgrounds. During this event, the 4-H Youth was able to take an active role in the Show and they helped setup, moved cones, and were spotters/observers on the cross country course. However the best part of their experience was riding with a driver in the Show Ring! DDC Member John Layton was the driver who gave Kate the thrill of being in the Show Ring with a driving horse. From that moment on Kate has taken a very active interest in driving - from pleasure to competitive showing! Way to go Kate and Thank You John and Colleen for your generosity that has opened many new doors for a new crop of young drivers.



Members Out and About



Charlie Purnell and Minny



Bill Venditta with Ben and Elvis



Jess Tanglao with Savannah & Dancer as Tandem



Jess and Millie Tanglao with Jammie



Frances Baker with Cooter, Duke, Faith, and Echo

Members Out and About



Jess Tanglao's horses Savannah and Dancer



Kaiya Baker giving her grandmother a carriage ride with Marley



Katelin McConkey Cook driving the Tanglao's pony Jammie



Shannon Gandee driving Beau



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 Shannon Gandee and Mary Pines on the loss of their special canine friends

Get Well Wishes were sent to: Adriane and Dennis Baker’s Gypsy Vanner named Marley. He had a large cyst removed from his nostril area. Maddy Zacharkow’s pony named Rusty had a severe case of chiggers! Pam Gray had surgery and is recovering. Rainier Tanglao had a short stay in the hospital, but is starting to feel better now. Alan Poole is home recovering from recent surgery.

Congratulations to Ed Evans on his new address. He’s moved to Maryland and is now living with his daughter. His address is 5073 Airport Rd., Salisbury, MD 21804.

Fighting Flying Insects

This time of year is always a trying time to control flying insects while you are driving (or riding) your equine. In conjunction with using sprays and wipes, some physical barriers seem to work well too. Below is another type of equine fly gear: the rump fly net. It is lightweight, very easy to attach with the velcro straps, and stays in place to help prevent the horse from getting bitten by flies (especially the big horse flies—B52s). The horrible biting flies might ride on top of it, but they can't bite through it which makes your horse's lives much better. It may even help prevent bucking and the horse acting like a fool when the flies are biting. This particular rump fly net came from Big Dee’s Tack in Ohio and cost \$19.95.



Driving a Six Horse Hitch

DDC Member Frances Baker has participated in many equine disciplines. She's ridden for pleasure, fox hunted, shown under saddle, and was even a Pony Club Mom. Then she discovered driving! Over the years she has progressed from driving a single horse to driving multiple hitches. At the present moment, she and her husband Wayne have eight Canadian Crossbreds (Cyldesdale/Hackney Horse cross from Canada). Frances has driven them as single hitches, pair hitches, tandem (a pair with one in front of the other), unicorn (a pair with a single horse hitched in front of the pair), four-in-hand (two pairs with one hitched in front of the other), and a pickax (a total of five horses—a pair is hitched to a vehicle and three horses abreast are hitched in front of the pair). What was next on her Bucket List—a six horse hitch!. This configuration requires more equipment than the other hitches—two poles, three sets of reins, more Roger rings (they help reins slide more easily between the pairs and prevent reins from tangling in bridles), and split terrets on the saddles (also to prevent rein tangling). Wayne acquired the extra equipment, while Frances worked on determining the horses' position in the team and securing enough help for the project. Frances' six horse hitch consisted of three teams hooked together, one in front of the other. The team closest to her vehicle was known as the Wheel Team (who are typically the biggest horses because they handle pulling most of the weight). The middle team was the Swing Team and the front pair were the leaders or Lead Team. Once the horses were hitched, they measured more than 50 feet long from the tips of the lead horses' noses all the way to the back of her vehicle. Each horse had reins connected to his/her bridle, so Frances was holding six reins in her hands giving her the ability to communicate with each team!!! She was able to negotiate her wooded and winding trails around her Hollyville Farm property and she and her grooms (Anibal Escalante, Brianne Reynolds, and Linda Thomas) enjoyed a lovely drive.

Why would you drive something like this? It's certainly not for most people especially since six and eight horse hitches are more commonly found in draft breeds since that configuration was needed to pull a heavier wagon. Frances and Wayne have worked hard mastering multiple hitches. They belong to several Four-in-Hand Clubs and have had the privilege of driving in many beautiful and unique places. They do all this for the love of driving their horses.



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.

- 9/12/21 Double Down Driving Derby at Stafford Carriage Driving in New Jersey. FREE "How To Derby" Clinic on Saturday 11th for paid entries. There is no need to be intimidated, come on and we will guide you, help you walk the course and understand the rules. FIRST COURSE WILL BE DRIVEN FROM 9:30AM-12:30PM - All drivers will drive a "practice" round then the same course again to count in competition. Lunch Break at 12:30. The new course will be set and available for walking from 1:00-2:00 SECOND COURSE WILL BE DRIVEN FROM 2:00-? All drivers will drive a "practice" round then the same course again to count in competition. AWARDS APPROX. 4PM-5PM COST: \$70 for the Derby and the CLINIC: IS FREE TO ENTRIES OF THE DERBY (\$10 for NON- ENTRIES) CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 3rd For all registration forms visit <http://www.staffordcarriagedriving.com/Stafford/Events.html>
- 9/9-12/21 ADS MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL DRIVE - Fair Hill NRMA, Elkton, MD
- 9/10-12-21 Villa Louis Carriage Classic in PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WISCONSIN highlights competitive carriage driving in arena and obstacle classes.
- 9/18-19/21 GLADSTONE HORSE DRIVING TRIAL - Gladstone, NJ. Info: John Hoffner (jph8941@gmail.com 484- 550-9406).
- 9/18/21 Combined Eastern Shore Horse Show at the Wicomico Equestrian Center—3 Driving Classes offered
- 9/19/21 BUXMONT RIDING CLUB DRIVING SHOW, Tylersport, PA, Website: www.buxmontridingclub.com. Prize list & preregistration available on the website. Info email: buxmontridingclub@gmail.com
- 9/26/21 DRIVING SHOW AT SUFFOLK STABLES, 1418 Old Indian Mills, Rd, Shamong 08088. info@suffolkstables.com or call 609-346-7093. Website: <https://suffolkstables.com/suffolk-shows> Facebook: Suffolk Stables Show Series (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/436886869733411/>)

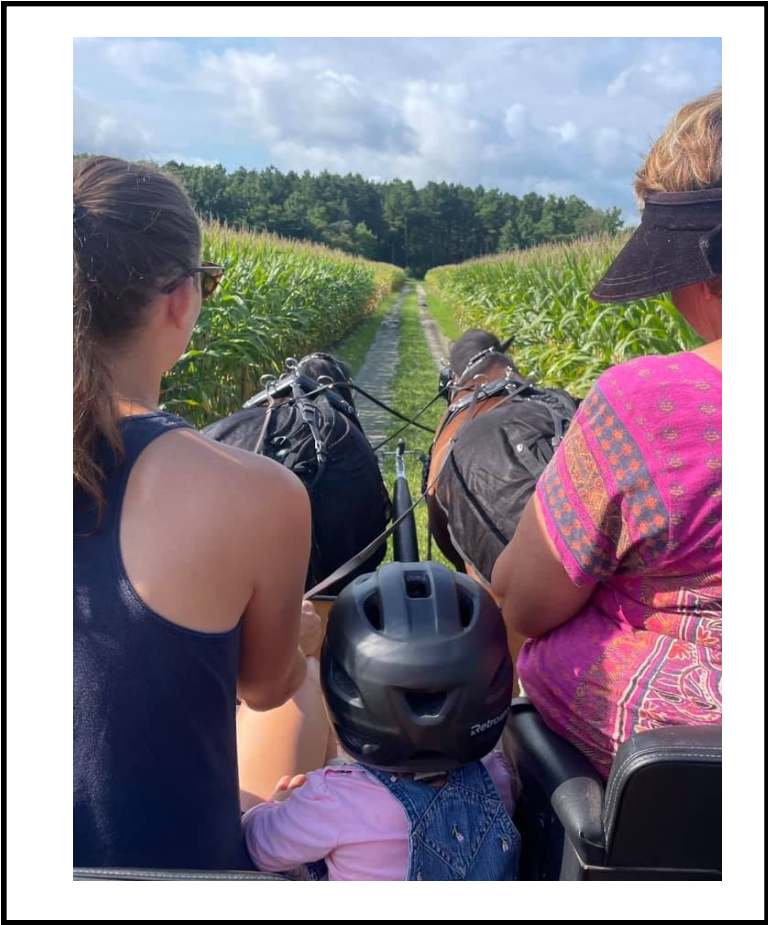
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- 9/26/21 Delaware Equine Membership Appreciation Day Ride and Drive at Redden Forest (near Georgetown, DE). **A DDC General Membership Meeting will be held in conjunction with this event** beginning at approximately **2 pm**. Carriages will drive off at **10 am Sharp**. Lunch is available for \$15 or bring your own.
- 10/2/21 Celebration of the Horse at Tuckahoe Equestrian—a day of celebrating everything equine - 10 am to 4 pm
- 10/3/21 Teddy Bears Picnic at Fair Hill—sponsored by Brandywine Valley Driving Club
- 10/8-11/21 Garden State Combined Driving Event at the Horse Park of New Jersey. Check out the website: gardenstatecde.com for more details
- 10/15/21 Martins Auction at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in PA.

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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