



Let's Drive !

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**Delmarva Driving Club,
Inc**

Members Out and About

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Members Billy and Paula Klein with their horses at their niece's wedding



Attention!!

- Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 30th at the Redden Forest Headquarters at approximately 2 pm



Linda Thomas providing a carriage for a wedding at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, MD

- * DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the Membership—members may speak on a subject, but they may not vote. To participate call: 1-877-216-1555 and enter 290535#

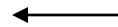
Since it's been so hot, Member Mary Pines took her driving horse Admiral swimming



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Members Frances and Wayne Baker were invited to participate in A Coaching Weekend in Newport, Rhode Island



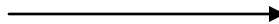
Frances and Wayne Baker were invited to and participated in a Four-in-Hand Club Drive over the Labor Day Weekend in Kohler, Wisconsin



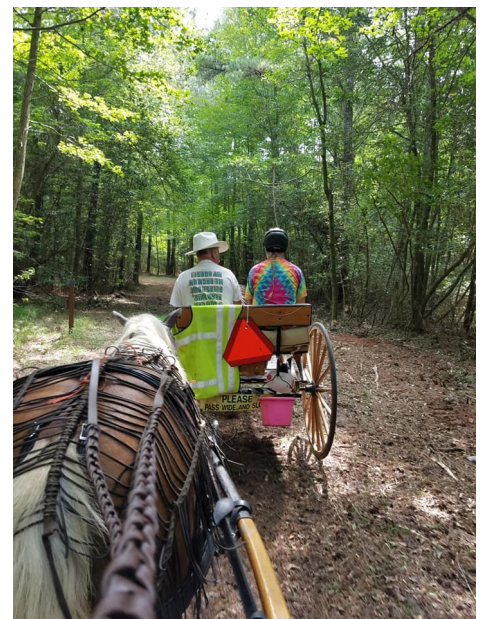
George Parris training Kim Baklarz's Fjord April



Sherry Harris and Linda Thomas 'trailblazing' at the Demonstration Forest in Parsonsburg, MD

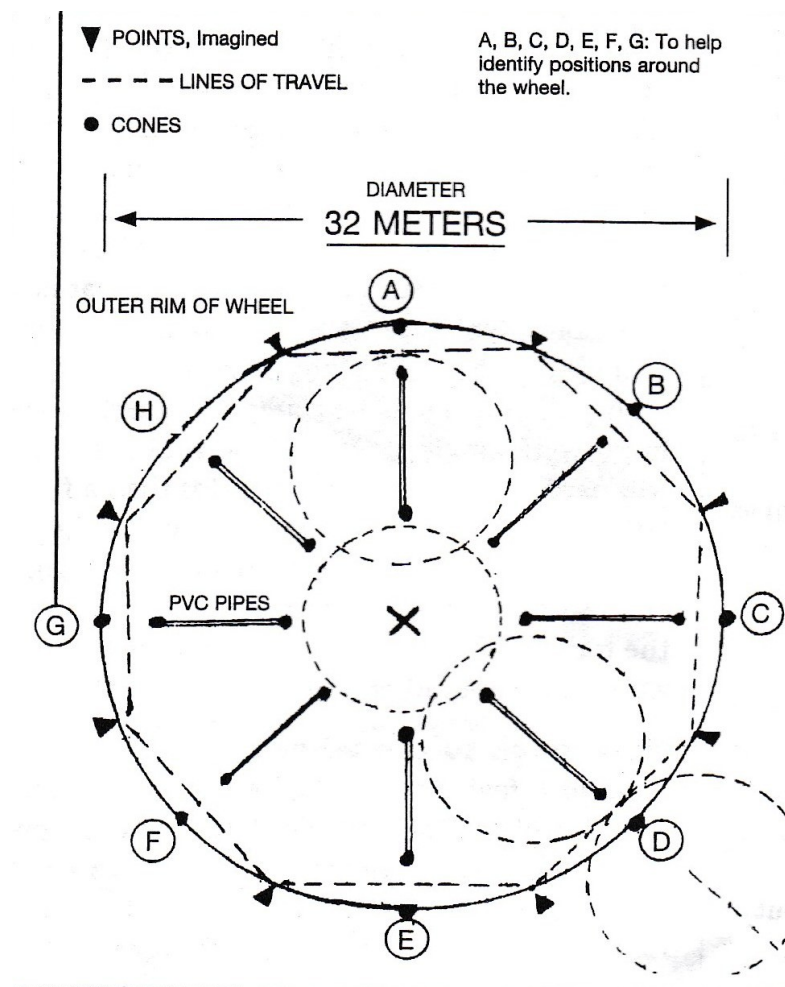


Judith Hartman giving pair driving a whirl with her Welsh ponies



Using Susie Buchanan's Famous Wheel Exercise

At the recent Buck a Ball and Cones driving Clinic, DDC Member Anna Klumpp presented and utilized Susie Buchanan's Wheel Exercise. Susie, who died in 2013, was well known in the driving world as an enthusiastic trainer and competitor. One of Susie's neatest innovations is what she referred to as "the wheel". Essentially it's an 8-spoke wagon wheel formation comprised of cones and cavaletti. This formation offers a great number of driving exercises to improve the suppleness, straightness, and bending of the horse. It's also instrumental in developing the driver's eyes and aids. What materials do you need: at least a 40 meter by 40 meter fairly level piece of ground, 24 cones or markers, and 8 pieces of ten foot long PVC pipes or jump rails. Then simply visualize a wheel with eight spokes—each spoke has a cone at each end. The outer end of each spoke is 15 meters from the hub of the wheel, so there is free space around the center marker of about six meters radius. Then place one more cone at the outer edge of each spoke—about two meters beyond, still in line with the spoke forming the rim of the wheel. But always remember to set your cones generously when first starting this exercise, so you don't get so frustrated as you learn. (see diagram) Now you're ready to benefit from this exercise. Start by following the lines of travel on the outside pairs of cones. What you will learn is to keep the outside rein, learn to look for a point of balance between the last and the next outside cone, keep your eyes ahead, (tweak the inside rein without giving away the outer). Once that part of the exercise becomes simple and successful, and equal on both reins, you can pick up your tempo. This exercise also helps you understand the meaning of 'half halt' - a call to attention -preparation - it takes less to achieve more. Keep referring to the diagram to continue to add more challenges to the exercise—circles! Build a logical progression by establishing patterns the horse can learn and understand—also be generous with encouragement and reward! - since for the most part we tend not to challenge our horses and/or ourselves nearly enough, particularly when working alone!!! (The full article, written by Susie Buchanan, can be found in The Whip Volume 34, Number 4, page 36—38)



DIY Corner—Projects for Your Barn Using Recycled Materials

Monitor Your 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.



Homemade Ice Packs

Pour Palmolive Dish Soap into a heavy duty resealable plastic bag and freeze. [Palmolive](#) brand will not freeze solid (some other brands do, so you can experiment). After a few hours you'll have a low cost, nontoxic, reusable and fully flexible cold pack. If the bags leaks, just wash it off. Genius!

Congratulation Corner



Congratulations to DDC Member Michele Novack on the new addition to her equine family. Meet CrownPointe Sea Sovereign. This handsome colt was born in late July to Michele's 9 year old purebred Cleveland Bay mare named Independence (aka Penny) and Thoroughbred FEI 4* eventer Sea Lion. Michele said he was all legs and ears and has become quite social.

Congratulations to DDC Member Shannon Gandee—she states it was two years ago that she took the proverbial leap of faith and adopted Beau from the Heart of Phoenix Equine Rescue. What an incredible two years it has been! From a very green, just gelded and truly reactive mount to a much more solid equine partner that now both rides English and Western and drives. Thank you to everyone that has been there for us along the way. We would not be where we are today without all of you

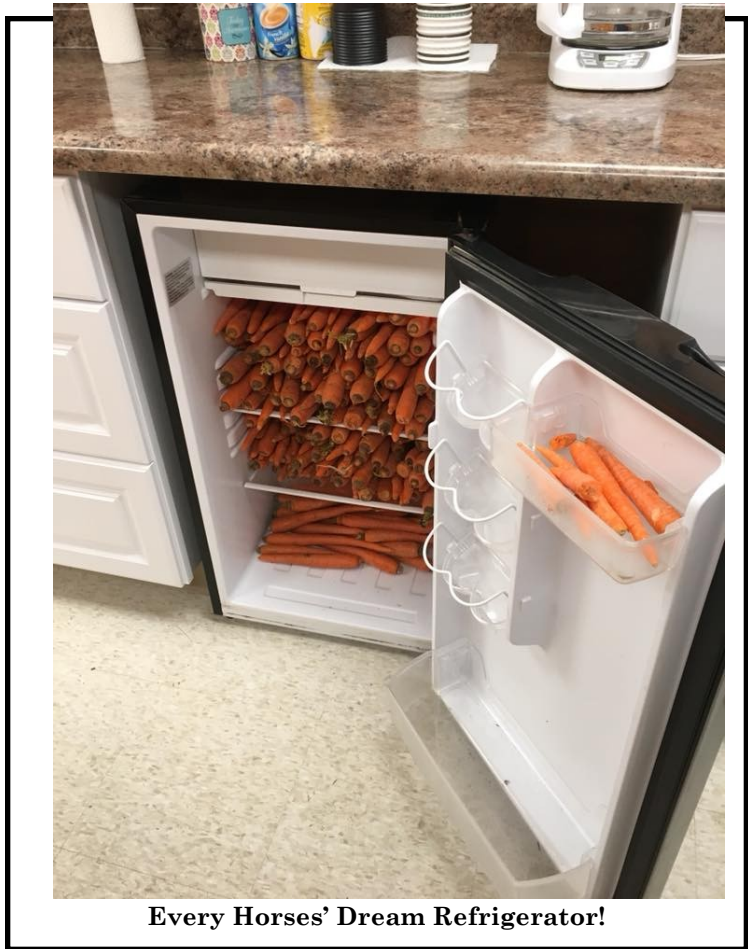


Upcoming Events!

- 9/22/18 Join Nancy Offen and her mini, Salem, at her farm near Georgetown, DE for a driven 'Artistic Expression' Demonstration beginning at 10:30 am. The address is West Piney Grove Rd., Georgetown, DE For more information, contact Nancy at 302-228-7612. The rain date is 9/23/18 at 3 pm. Please bring a folding chair and cookies or brownies to share. Beverages will be provided.
- 9/30/18 DEC Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive at Redden State Forest Headquarters near Georgetown, DE. ***A DDC General Membership Meeting will be held following lunch—approximately 2 pm***
- 10/2-7/18 The National Drive to be held at the Hooiser Horse Park in Edinburgh, Indiana. For more information: <https://www.nationaldrive.net>.
- 10/13/18 Celebration of the Horse Event at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center from 10 am to 4 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.
- 11/8/18 Be a part of History—the Return Day Committee is looking for carriages 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.
- 12/1/18 DDC General Membership, Elections, and Christmas Party at the Ruthsburg Community Center, 105 Damsontown Rd, Queen Anne, MD



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