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## DDC Meeting Schedule

BOD meeting Jan 2, 2008 at the Redden Carriage House.

Feb 10 - General Membership meeting and volunteer clinic. 2:00 pm Redden Carriage House

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## Happy New Year

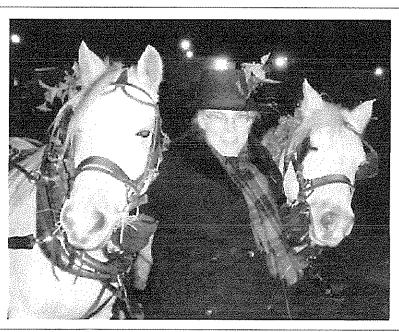
## Out and About - Member News

Frace, Abby and Deb Dawkins attended the Easton 'Olde Tyme' Holiday Parade with a wagon full of children and grandchildren of Deb's fellow Coldwell Banker Realtors. The kids had a great time - calling out "Merry Christmas", "Happy Hanukkah" and "Buy a house from Caldwell Banker".

The following weekend the mares and Deb joined friend, Liz Friedel and her daughter Lily for the Christmas in St. Michaels Parade. Harry Hassen and his Friesians were also at St. Michaels.

Also, Abby helped Deb distribute advertising magazines and holiday cheer in several Easton communities. Says Deb "Dogs were alerted, deer were alarmed and children were delighted.

More out and about on page 6



#### Delmarva Driving Club General Membership Meeting Minutes December 15, 2007

John Bolinski, secretary

Meeting time: 8:28 pm

Held at the Annual DDC Christmas Party

The following items reflect subjects discussed:

1. President's Comments - Carolyn Fox thanked the 47 attendees for braving the weather and coming to our yearly Christmas Party. She reflected to the group that we have had a really good year, with drives, clinics and, of course, another fantastic horse show put on by George Parris and Carl Zimmerman. She then reflected on the activities (drives, fun day, clinics and show) that we hope to see again in 2008. This year's show will also include draft classes and in the fall, Pao Lin Hatch is organizing a draft event.

 Vote for new 2008 Board of Directors - The slate of board members were presented as:

President - Carolyn Fox

Vice President - Frances Baker

Secretary - John Bolinski

Treasurer - Donna Hurst

Directors (we needed two) - Sherry Harris, Kay

Mildon, Martie Bolinski

With no nominations from the floor, the ballot was closed and ballots were handed out with each family getting 2 votes and each individual member getting one vote. Lois and Nobel Cahill counted the ballots and the following results reported:

President - Carolyn Fox

Vice President - Frances Baker

Secretary - John Bolinski

Treasurer - Donna Hurst

Director - Kay Mildon, Martie Bolinski

- 3. <u>Harnessing Clinic</u> Pao Lin Hatch proposed a clinic on "Introduction to Harnessing". Details will follow in the newsletter.
- 4. New Yahoo Groups DDC chat group Pao Lin and Heidi Ferguson have established an interactive network where folks can share information over the internet, while having a link to the DDC website and also a place to place advertising. Those who wish to join should contact Pao Lin Hatch at Paoball2000@yahoo.com
- 5. <u>Draft/Fun Show</u> Pao Lin Hatch is organizing a saddle and driving draft horse show for the fall of 2008. More information will be in the newsletter.
- 6. May 10, 2008 DDC Pleasure Driving Show Plans are beginning for our spring show, which, this year, will include draft classes. More information will come. We really need to start getting all the advertisers and sponsors we can for this year's show.
- 7. February 10, 2008 Clinic Caroline Fox reminded the group that John Bolinski will be holding a clinic that will educate folks about the role of volunteers at a show in hopes that this will help solve the club's challenge of getting enough volunteers to properly run a show without burning out a few faithful volunteers.

- 8. C&D Canal Drive Donna Hurst is establishing a drive at the C&D Canal for April 2008. Details to follow in the newsletter.
- February 2008 Drive at Laurel Saddle Friends George Parris has offered to host a drive at the Laurel Saddle Friends. More information to follow.

#### Classified

We still have a couple DDC calendars left for sale. First come-first served. \$12 each. contact Martie Bolinski 410-398-0257, bolinsm@dol.net

Wanted - driving/riding mule sought for older gentleman who is new to driving but has ridden for years. Must be sound and have a good disposition. Does not need to be large. Located in VA. please email Rskydiver@aol.com

Wanted - Still need some folks to send in their 'Profile' information. Please send to Frances Baker, franbak@aol.com. We'd love to know what got YOU started in driving. Feel free to advertise your horse related business as well - that's part of what makes up your profile. Photos welcome.

## May 2008 to be designated as 'National Carriage Driving Month"

Working together, the Carriage Association of America, the Carriage Museum of America and the American Driving Society have all declared May 2008 as "National Carriage Driving Month". This is in an effort to bring national attention to horse-drawn carriages and to carriage driving.



#### Sherry Harris, GROOM

by Frances Baker

Sherry Harris recently accompanied my husband, Wayne and myself to Middleburg, VA where she volunteered as my groom for Piedmont's two day ADS Show. It was my first ADS show. I am mostly a pleasure driver, but like to show occasionally. I started driving a four-in-hand last year and that is when I began to appreciate the teamwork of working with a groom (with a pair) or two grooms with four horses. The groom or grooms are an ADS requirement. My definition of a groom had been someone who brushes horses. My older pair of horses were so very quiet that I thought the groom looked good heading the horses, but I never gave the groom much credit. Then I noticed little things that the groom could reach or fix and I could not. Things that saved the day, prevented an accident or mishap. Things like the breeching getting hung up on the lantern bracket one very tight turn in the woods, a leader's rein getting caught under her tail out on the trail swishing flies. I started "asking" for help and my grooms started "watching". It frees me up to drive and train and give me a lot of confidence that I have others helping me.

As Bill Long told me when he was schooling our team last summer, 'don't take anything for granted, and don't hesitate to ask for help on every aspect of driving/harnessing/unharnessing/putting-to and driving."

Wayne and I would like to thank Sherry for the time she gave us, before the show, driving and cleaning harness, showing in the hot sun, then cleaning harness again, packing and unpacking. For teaching me what groom's duties are. Sherry was a professional groom in Middleburg, VA for years at the lovely Langollen Farm. Langollen was recently sold for 22 million dollars and was the site of the 2004 and 2007 National Sporting Library Coaching Drive.



## What Do you Need in a Good Barn/Horse First Aid Kit?

Here are some ideas from online. If you have things to add, let us know. All barns should have a readily available first aid kit stocked and ready to use. If you don't, make it one of this year's New Year's Resolutions!

- -petroleum jelly
- -veterinary thermometer with thong & clip or digital thermometer
- -body wash or liniment
- -Epsom salts
- -alcohol
- -antimicrobial or antiseptic scrub
- -topical antibacterial or antimicrobial or antibiotic agent
- -sterile wound dressing
- -1 roll gauze (2 " minimum width)
- -1 lb roll 12 " absorbent cotton
- -2 flexible stretch adhesive/cohesive bandages
- -1 roll adhesive tape (1" minimum width)
- -bandage scissors
- -4 leg bandages with appropriate padding
- -Telfa Pads 2"x 4", about 20
- -4 rolls of non-sterile gauze
- -stethoscope
- -forceps
- -long swabs
- -rubber gloves
- -instant cold and heat packs
- -pencils/paper for noting horse conditions over time
- -roll of paper towels
- -saline for washing wounds
- -banamine and syringes to give it with
- -powdered electrolytes
- -baby diapers or sani-pads (non stick absorbent wound dressing)
- -duct tape

In addition, I'd add some people first aid items for those inevitable cuts and gashes around the barn.

Put all items in a clearly marked box in a handy place for easy recognition and access.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### DDC items are in BOLD.

More information about activities will be available in future issues. Check for changes and additions. If you plan to attend a DDC sponsored event, **PLEASE contact** the host before the event.

- \* Please note that all of the 'monthly' club drives will start off at 2:00 pm. and are bring your own picnic unless otherwise noted.
- January 17 Maryland Horse Council Quarterly Board Meeting. All members invited. 6:00 social, 7:00 mtg. Vista Room Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium MD. 410-489-7826
- January 17-20 Horse World Expo MD St. Fairgrounds, Timonium MD. www.horseworldexpo.com, email info@horseworldexpo.com
- February 10 Volunteers' Clinic with John Bolinski. 2:00 at Redden Carriage House. Social and membership meeting to follow. Homemade soups and bread.
- February 21-24 Horse World Expo PA Farm Show Complex Harrisburg PA. www.horseworldexpo.com, email info@horseworldexpo.com
- March 9 Pleasure Drive sponsored by George Parris at Laurel Saddle Friends. 1:00 safety check.
- March 15 Wayne & Phyllis will host a 'Plowing Practice' at their farm in Bridgeville DE for those who are getting ready for the Plowing Competition at Mt. Harmon. rsvp 302-337-8828
- March 16 Wayne & Phyllis Conner's Play Day. 12 noon til 4:00. Covered dish dinner at the house at 4:00. RSVP 302-337-8828
- April 5 6th Annual Eastern All Age Registered Haflinger & All Breed Performance Pony Sale. DE

State Fairgrounds, Harrington, DE. Preview April 4, 5:00 pm. Carriage & Tack Sale April 5, 9:00 am, Horse sale April 5 11:00 a m.

- April 5 Chapter One Farms spring ADT. Pedricktown, NJ. Training, Prelim, Inter. Helene Paxton, 856-299-5124, 410-620-3462, 443-253-4135. email tm@chapteronefarms.com
- May 3-4 Lord Stirling Stable CDE: Basking Ridge, NJ. Training, Prelim. contact Kay Birkholt 973-285-0009 or email kbirkholt@yahoo.com
- May 10 DDC Pleasure Driving Show, Caroline Cty Fairgrounds. More information to follow.
- May 18 My Lady's Manor 26th annual Pleasure Driving Show; Spring Valley Park, Winterstown, PA. contact Dana Bright 717-246-2351, email cdeponyz@comcast.net or Anne Council 717-993-8956 email accouncill@earthlink.net.
- May 29-June 1 Garden State CDE, Horse Park of NJ, AllenTown, NJ. Training, Prelim, Interm, Adv. contact Heather Walker 908-439-3171 or email walkers whimsea@yahoo.com.
- May 31-June 1 Carolina Carriage Club HDT - Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, Tryon, NC; training, prelim. contact Paul Nordan 828-863-4777 or email paulnordan@alltel.net
- Brandywine Carriage Driving Show Ludwig's Corner Show Grounds, Glenmoore, PA. Contact Bobbi Hager 973-627-2263, email bobbihag@optonline.net.
- June 14-15 Elk Creek CDE; Fair Hill, MD. Training, Prelim, Inter. Contact Diane Trefry & Lisa Singer 410-755-45206855, 443-553-1453, email dtrefry@verizon.net or chateaulog@yahoo.com
- July 19-20 Lorenzo Driving Competition, Cazenovia NY, Junior, novice whip, novice Horse & Pony,

Open horse & pony, multiples, VSE. Contact Lisa Bosworth 315-684-9229

- September 5-7 Laurels at Landhope CDE: Training, prelim, inter. contact Mary O-Rourke 610-486-6484 or email laurelslandhope@aol.com
- October 4 DDC Draft Horse Show - <u>tentative</u> at the Tuckahoe Equestrian Ctr. Contact Pao Lin Hatch 301-887-1397 paoball@aol.com

#### Sunshine - Lois Evans

Phyllis Conner - surgery

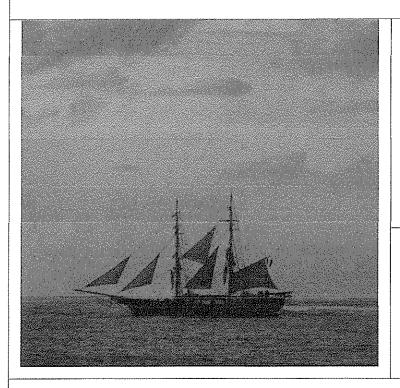
. An excerpt from the obituary of Tom Marion, past member of DDC. The obituary appeared in The Horse of Delaware Valley, January issue.

Combined driving was Tom Marion's passion. Tom was retired from the Air Force and was a computer software engineer and an avid sportsman. In addition to carriage driving, he enjoyed race car driving, windsurfing and flying.. Going fast.

I know there are many DDC members who remember Tom from their ADTs and HDTs at Chapter 1 Farm in NJ>

Tom is survived by his wife, two step daughters and his son as well as two brothers. Helene Paxton, his wife hopes to continue with their dream at Chapter 1 Farms. A memorial will be held for Tom on April 4th at 4:00 pm at the farm in Pedricktown NJ.





## Out and About - Members' News continued

Heidi and Steve Ferguson, while on vacation in St. Lucia, were captured and tortured by vicious pirates. No, not really, but they did get some really great snapshots of 'The Black Pearl' pirate vessel from the movie, Pirates of the Caribbean. Sounds like they had a great (warm) vacation. Avast.

Items for the February issue of the Delmarva Driving Lines will be due by January 28th. Please have them to Martie Bolinski bolinsj@dol.net or Frances Baker franbak@aol.com.

#### American Horse Council Press Release

December 17, 2007

Contact: Sarah A. Chase, Dir. of Communications

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Senate Passes Farm Bill Helpful to Horses

WASHINGTON, DC December 17, 2007- The American Horse Council (AHC) reports that the recently passed Senate Farm Bill includes several key provisions that would benefit the horse industry.

The \$286 billion dollar bill, which passed the Senate on December 14 by a vote of 70 to 14, now includes the Equine Equity Act. Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) offered this bill as an amendment to the Farm Bill and it was accepted without objection. This provision would: (1) shorten the capital gains holding period for horses form 24 months to 12 months; and (2) place all racehorses in the three-year category for depreciation purposes.

Additionally, the Senate Farm Bill includes two provisions that would make horse owners involved in production agriculture eligible for additional federal programs that are administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the aftermath of a natural disaster. Senator McConnell and Senator Jim Bunning (R-KY) were critical to the conclusion of horses in these two provisions.

The first provision would make horse breeders eligible for federal emergency loans for the first time by including "equine farmers and ranchers" within the class of eligible producers. The second provision institutes a permanent disaster relief fund that would provide payments to farmers and ranchers who suffer losses in areas that are declared disaster areas by USDA. This provision specifically included "horses" within the definition of livestock eligible for the program.

Upon passage of the bill, AHC President Jay Hickey commented, "As always, Senators McConnell and Bunning have done a great job for the horse industry. Both have been working for sometime on the Equine Equine Act and providing parity for the horse industry with respect to federal disaster assistance programs. We appreciate all they do for this industry."

The AHC previously reported that the House passed its version of the Farm Bill last summer. However, the House bill does not include the provisions described above applicable to horse owners and is quite different form the Senate Farm Bill in other respects. A conference between House and Senate members will be necessary to work out these differences in the second session of this Congress, which begins in January. The bill that results form that conference will have to be passed by both the House and Senate and then signed by the President.

The American Horse Council encourages all horse owners and enthusiasts to remain educated and informed regarding legislative issues that pertain to the horse industry. For the latest updates and news from Washington, including information on how you can be a grassroots advocate, please visit: www.horsecouncil.org or call 202-296-4031.

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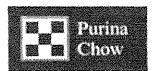
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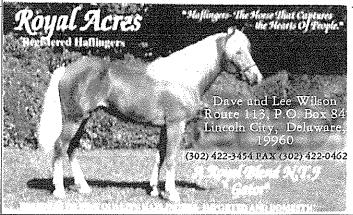


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cdeponyz@suscom.net

If any member of DDC has questions or concerns for the ADS, please contact Dana, who will answer or direct you to the correct person or committee. The ADS is always interested in input from the membership

#### **DEC News**

ALL DEC meetings are held at 7 pm on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Harrington Public Library Contact Nyle 302-422-4094



#### Delmarva Driving Club Release and Hold Harmless Agreement - 2008

I, the undersigned, acknowledge the potential risks involved in the participation of equine sports, including, but not limited to, the training, driving and exhibiting of all breeds of equine ("Equine"), as well as in the use of equipment and instruments used to train, drive and exhibit Equine.

These risks include serious injury, death, falls, kicks, bites, collisions with vehicles, Equine, persons or stationary objects, fire explosion, the unavailability of emergency medical care and/or the negligence or deliberate acts of other persons.

In consideration of being permitted to attend and participate in any and all Club events held at any time (Events) sponsored by The Delmarva Driving Club, and for other good and valuable consideration which I acknowledge, I hereby release, discharge and hold harmless the Club, its officers, employees, members and representatives from any and all liability, responsibility, damages or loss, whether known or unknown, existing or potential, that I or anyone else may claim including but not limited to personal injury, death, illness, mental distress, or disability or any type, or property damage, whether or not caused by my negligence or the negligence of the Club, its officers, employees, members and representatives during my attendance and/or participation in Events.

I agree that while preparing for and participating in Events in which I will be driving an Equine that all the equipment that I use is in safe working condition and suitable for use in Events. I further understand that unsafe equipment will not only endanger me but also other participants, volunteers, spectators and Club officers, employees, members and representatives and that it is my responsibility to insure that the equipment I use or handle is safe at all times during Events. I also certify that I have obtained all appropriate protective equipment necessary for my participation in Events, and that I have been trained in its use, and that I will use such equipment as required by the Club. I understand that the failure to use the required equipment will be grounds for immediate dismissal from Events. I, further understand that the Club may conduct safety inspections as part of Events and that these inspections are not to be construed as a guarantee or assurance of the safety of my equipment nor do they relieve me of obligation in this paragraph.

If any provision of this Agreement, or the application of any provision, is held invalid, the remaining provisions and the application of those provisions which are valid shall not be affected.

This agreement constitutes the entire Agreement among the parties and supersedes any prior agreement or understanding among them. No change or modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless it is in writing and signed by the parties. Further, no provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted for or against any party because that party, or representative of the party, drafted all or any part of this Agreement.

The Agreement and all of its terms shall be binding upon and insure to the benefit of, the parties, their respective legal representatives, successor and assigns.

This Agreement and the right of the parties under this Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware with venue for any disputes or claims arising under the Agreement in Sussex County. The parties hereby waive their right to elect a jury trial in any dispute involving their rights under the Agreement. I acknowledge that I have read this Agreement, and I understand its terms and that I sign it voluntarily:

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I consent to the participation of Minor(s) named above in Events. I certify that I have read the above Agreement and agree to its terms on Minor's behalf.

Delmarva Driving Club Membership Renewal 2008 Name:	Member Profile - Let Your Fellow Delmarva Driving Club Friends Know a Little More About You		
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E-mail:	What sort of horse activities are you involved in?		
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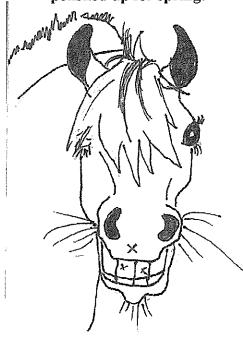
#### **DDC Christmas Party 2007**

In spite of winter weather warnings, we had a great turnout for the Christmas party. Forty-seven members and guests joined us to celebrate the Christmas spirit with good cheer, good comradeship and good food. The bandit's gift exchange was popular as ever and some of the gifts this year were a scream. Several gifts were stolen over and over, including a couple of hats, a rocking singing Santa and others. We'd like to thank everyone for making this another great Christmas dinner and wish everyone the very best for the new year.



### Wee Willy Sez

Look out Ladies! Kilar has had his smile all polished up for spring!



When did you horse see the dentist last? Remember that dental care is important to your horse's welbeing.

#### Stay Tuned for even More Coming Events

John Bolinski will offer a clinic for 'volunteers' on February 10th at the Redden Carriage House, educating potential volunteers about just what is expected for the different jobs. Everyone is welcome. Emphasis will be on horse show volunteers. All members are welcome and we will have a social and membership meeting afterward to present the 2008 budget.

Sherry Harris and Donna Hurst are thinking of offering a Starter's Showing Clinic (for those who are thinking of showing but are nervous about getting started). The clinic could be offered with or without a horse. If anyone is interested or has suggestions, contact Sherry Harris (410-482-2402 or Donna Hurst 302-492-3932.

**Donna Hurst** will sponsor a drive at the C& D Canal some time this spring. Details to follow. **George Parris** is hosting a drive at Laurel Saddle Friends on March 9th.

Pao Lin Hatch is putting together some ideas about a Draft Horse Show with DDC sponsorship and possible TEC cooperation. She is thinking about and working toward a fall date, in October at the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center. There will be riding, working and fun classes. Contact Pao Lin Hatch paoball 2000@yahoo.com with comments and suggestions.

DDC Pleasure Driving Show - <u>May 10th</u>, It will be at the Caroline County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars now. If we can get enough participation, there will be a Draft Horse Division next year in addition to the usual classes

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