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February 2007

DDC Meeting Schedule

February 11 Membership Meeting and Drive -FoxHaven Farm 1:00 pm driveoff

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February Membership Meeting and Drive at Fox Hollow Farm.

Don't forget our first drive of the new year at Carolyn and Jim Fox's farm. Drive off at 1:00 pm after a quick safety check. Dinner will be chili, cornbread and drinks. Membership meeting to follow drive. Don't miss it. rsvp 302-855-0257. Bring a current Coggins.

March Activities - Clinic and Drive:

March 3rd is the clinic with Dana Bright at Anna Klump's farm in Still Pond, MD- Cost is \$45 per person. Please RSVP your reservations. Remember, DDC will reimburse participants in the clinic for \$25 of the cost of the clinic. Focus will be on safety issues first but Dana is willing to work on whatever things people may want. There is a fenced arena, trails and cones if needed. There are a few stalls for those who may want to arrive the night before. Bring Coggins. See directions to Anna's on page 7.

March 4th is Play Day at Wayne and Phyllis Conner's Circle C Outfit in Bridgeville. Ride, drive, play with your horses or mules from 1-4 pm. Bring current Coggins. Please bring a covered dish to compliment the ham, meatballs, bread and coffee that will be provided. This is always a wonderful way to start up your rusty equines (or rusty drivers) for the new year. Bring Coggins. RSVP Wayne & Phyllis Conner 302-337-8828 or email at thecirclec1995@yahoo.com.

Newsletter Deadlines:

Please have information for the March 2007 newsletter to me before February 27th Email to bolinsj@dol.net, phone 410-398-0257, mail Martie Bolinski,
986 Irishtown Rd.
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Delmarva Driving Club Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2007

John Bolinski, secretary

Meeting Time: 6:07 pm to 7:41 pm Present: Carolyn Fox, Donna Hurst, Sherry Harris, Kay Mildon, John Bolinski Absent: Melissa Steward, Diane Steward Visitors: Mary Bolnak, Peg Koster, Paula Barto, Anne Harris, Martie Bolinski

The following items reflect subjects discussed:

- Minutes of 12/16/06 meeting The minutes of the membership meeting held on 12/16/06 were approved as written in the January 2007 newsletter.
- Treasurer's Report There was no change in the treasury and it is the same as listed last month.
- Checking to CD As per a recommendation made by George Parris at the December membership meeting, we will be moving an additional \$2,000 to a CD.
- Membership Donna Hurst reported that to-date, we have 10 Individual and 5 Family membership renewals and 1 new member request.
- ByLaws Change Discussion was held to propose to the membership that the board be allowed to vote on new memberships. Presently, new members have to wait as long as three months before a membership meeting to get approval.
- Donation The club received a \$30 contribution from Sue Shortall in support of the DDC.
- Thank You The club received a very nice thank you note from Joe and Pansy Plummer for recognizing them with a 'Life-Time Membership' during our yearly Christmas Party.
- Education The board passed a motion to pay \$25 towards any member attending the upcoming clinic with Dana Bright.
- Notice to Insurance Co. John Bolinski will send a note to our insurance company detailing the dates of upcoming events. A note of insurance will also be sent to the upcoming clinic leader.
- Photography The board discussed using Wal-Mart to develop our photos in the future.
- Treasury Disbursement -Discussion took place on establishing a bylaw that would address the distribution of

the treasury should the club disband. John Bolinski will research the federal law as to what it says should take place upon dissolving of a non-profit organization.

- Future Christmas Parties Discussion took place on where to hold the next three Christmas Parties. Since the Redden Lodge is not available in 2007 or 2008, Donna Hurst will look at the Nutter Marvel Museum for these years and Peg Koster will check the Redden Lodge for 2009.
- Redden Carriage Drives Peg Koster will check with Redden staff to see if the condition of the trails is good enough for carriage drives. If so, we will look at April 22, 2007 as a possible drive date.
- Horse Show Discussion was held on the 2007 horse show. Peg Koster, Paula Barto, Martie and John Bolinski volunteered to help with the Food Committee. Carolyn Fox volunteered to act as Show Manager if she could get help from John Bolinski. Future planning needs to take place with Carl Zimmerman and George Parris.
- Delaware Equine Council The next DEC meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2007 in the Harrington Library. A casual dinner dance and auction is scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2007. Music will be by the "Wild Horses". The DEC will need sponsors for the program.
- Congratulations Note The board asked Martie Bolinski to send a note to Danute Bright, congratulating her for the President's Award she received from The American Driving Society.
- Lost Horse Paula Barto presented steps that should be taken if a person loses a horse. As prevention, owners should take pictures, microchip or tattoo. Peg Koster volunteered to write an article for our newsletter.
- Web Site Discussion was held on whether to maintain the web site at a cost of \$170 per year. The board decided to maintain the website at this time.

Message from outgoing President, Melissa Steward

The purpose of this message is to ensure that the membership of the DDC is aware of the status of the association. Please take some time and reflect on the past year. I hope each of you is thankful for another wonderful year in your lives. Also, please reflect on the activities of the DDC during the last year. For example, the push for a Family Membership as well as encouraging our youth of those club members to participate in DDC activities has taken several actions to benefit the association.

Time does not stand still for any of us, and my term as president of the DDC draws to a close. It is, however, with great personal pleasure that I report the election of Carolyn Fox as the incoming president of the organization. She is not only a superb lady, but a woman of seemingly endless resources, energetic and well-organized, a wonderful woman to have on board. I am confident that she will make a first-rate president.

It has been a pleasure to serve with you as the 2006 president of the DDC, and I appreciate the confidence you've placed in me by allowing me to serve as president this year.

There was serious talk last year that the DDC might have outlived its usefulness and should be disbanded. I disagreed with this proposal and did my best to make this club one which would extend the life of the organization. Thanks to all of you, I think we succeeded!

All success to the incoming officers, Vice President, Melissa Steward, John Bolinski as Secretary, Donna Hurst as Treasurer and Diane Steward as the new Director. Though not an officer, Martie Bolinski will continue to look after our newsletter. Thank you!

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This and That...

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Correction - In the January 2007 issue, 'Out and About - Members News', there was a typo on the weight of the eagle that Heidi Ferguson was rehabilitating. The weight should have said 14.7 lbs, not 47.

Congratulations! to Dana Bright, our regional ADS representative, for receiving the President's Award from the ADS for her contributions to that group.

What to do if your Horse is Lost - from the DEC Newsletter, February 2007

- Start this process immediately! A horse can and will travel 10 to 20 miles a day!
- Call the State Police, the troop closest to the area where your horse is missing,
- Call the SPCA,
- Call Horse Rescues,
- Contact everyone in the vicinity, go door to door,

- Contact local horse organizations and ask for assistance,
- Use Internet with emails and websites, ie, delawareequinecouncil.org,
- Call Radio and TV stations and ask for support,
- Contact local feed stores and tack shops, etc.,
- Make fliers and get them to friends and locals and all or any of the above mentioned. Finding your horse is the first problem.

Identifying your horse may be a second problem. Be proactive; have recent photos; know distinguishing marks and habits; have copies of papers, Coggins, health certificates with you. Talk with your vets about microchips or other forms of ID for your horses.

Try to be familiar with where you are riding or at least have someone with you who does know the area.

Members Classified:

Please send your classified information to bolinsj@dol.net or Martie Bolinski 410-398-0257

SALE: Labradoodle puppies. Available March 12th. 7 girls, 2 boys. One black male, one white. Three of the females are 'party colored'. If interested, phone and leave a message for Melissa at 302-492-1197. Deposit of \$100 with remainder of \$200 due at pickup. Will ship or drop off puppies within reasonable distance. Photos available.

Sale: 2 new hay wagons - pioneer frames; salt treated decks. 7x16 ft - \$1500 8x18 ft - \$1900 phone Jim Fox 302-855-0657 302-228-0011

Sunshine - Year-end Report - Lois Evans

January 1- December 3	1, 2006	
Beginning balance,		
including \$5.55 in postage		\$57.26
Sunshine 50-50 ticket sale		
s at general membership meetings	\$73.00	
Raffle (artwork, puzzle)	\$25.00	\$98.00
Expenses:		
Donation in memory of		
Carl Day to Marvel Museum)	\$15.00	
Dish garden to Joe Plummer		
in memory of sister	\$15.75	
Card purchases	\$43.61	
Postage (34 cards sent)	\$10.10	
Adjustment for cards purchased		
but not recorded	\$5.67	(\$90.13)
Ending Balance, including		, ,
\$2.34 in available postage		\$65.13

Sunshine - Lois Evans

A card was sent to the widow and family of our Fall Harvest supporter, Billy Ray Collison, who passed away on January 13, 2007. Members, Dave Wilson and George Wilkins, fittingly carried Billy Ray's casket, draped in an American flag, to his resting place at the Denton, MD cemetery, using an iron-tired horsedrawn wagon and a pair of Haflingers. Literally hundreds attended the viewing on Tuesday evening, standing in line outside in 36-degree weather and 20 mph winds waiting to pay their respects. The Melvin Funeral Home in Harrington was filled to capacity Wednesday morning for the funeral service, and at least 30 vehicles participated in the cortege from Harrington to Denton. 3

Out and About - Members' News "My Summer in Driving Paradise, Southern Pines NC" by Frances Baker

The past summer, my husband Wayne and I sent our team of four horses to NC to school as a four-in-hand team with Bill Long. Bill is a six-time international four-in-hand Combined Driving Event champion. He trains all kinds of horses at his facility in NC.

He schooled the team for a few weeks before he called me to come down for my schooling. I had driven my older pair of wheelers (the horses nearest the carriage) for about 4 years. The leaders were young and relatively inexperienced. I had only driven them lightly. Bill was not sure the four horses would make a team, let alone that I would be able to drive them, being a novice myself. I made weekly trips down to NC for lessons accompanied by my friend, Pat Roth. Once I went alone, and, at the end, my husband went with me. We were all schooled by Bill and his groom, Manuel, on harnessing and unharnessing and SAFETY in doing so. At first I could hardly lift the harness, jump into the carriage and then drive the horses for an hour. Bill worked with me on little tips to make the harness lifting easier, at the same time reminding me that many drivers did not make it in four-in-hand driving and had to go back to pair driving. I was determined not to flunk out of driving school so I spent many afternoons at the motel pools, cooling off with 4 pieces of leather-practicing the Achenbach one-handed method of driving. Each week the driving got easier and the two months came to an end too soon and we were back home in DE on our own. My husband and friend, Pat, continue to help and the driving gets better and better each time we drive.

Bill's advice was never to take anything about driving for granted and to get all the help you can with every phase of driving.

We made many friends while we were there. Bill has a big picnic table under the pine trees by his stable and each morning, many driving friends stop by. The people I saw there, I now recognize in the driving magazines. I watched Eleanor Gallagher drive her beautiful Dutch horse, Cashmere, preparing for the World Single Finals in Italy this past fall. Bill was her coach. Cashmere was known to shy in Europe at the crowds so Bill drove him through downtown Southern Pines and up to the bank drive in window. When the bell rang at the drive-in window, Cashmere left a horse "deposit" in the parking lot.

We also became good friends with Bob and Susie Cook, formerly from MD, who now live in Southern Pines. Bob and Susie own WCC (World Class Carriages) and import and sell all kinds of carriages. Bob and Susie and almost everyone in Southern Pines own and live in barn homes. It is the norm down there. If you have never been there, by all means go. In addition to the acres and acres of state parks, there are miles and miles of hard-scraped dirt roads for driving and easements between each of the homes where anyone can drive. It is an easy one day drive away and well worth the trip. The CAA Conference in there this coming April.

For more information, visit WWW.HorseCarriages.com. This is Bob Cook's website. If you go to 'testimonials', there is a picture of our training wagonette on the beach in Lewes. Bob also has a link to Bill Long.

More Out and About - Members News Horse World Expo at Timonium MD - Martie Bolinski

Saw a lot of DDC members at the Expo between January 18th and 21st! Peg Koster and Paula Barto, Carolyn and Jim Fox, Donna Hurst and Sherry Harris with Anne, Heidi Ferguson, Karen Mack, Mary Pines, a couple of Stewards and of course, Dave Wilson had two of his gorgeous Haflinger stallions on stallion row. John and I had a sales booth in the 4-H Building for the weekend. It was a great time and good to see so many friends there!

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 1:00 pm. and are bring your own picnic unless otherwise noted.
- February 11, 2007 Drive at Fox Haven Farm Carolyn and Jim Fox. Drive off and safety check at 1:00 pm. Chili dinner and membership meeting after the drive. RSVP 302-855-0657. Please have your Coggins.
- March 3, 2007 Clinic with Dana Bright at Anna Klump's farm. More information to follow. Current Coggins required.
- •March 4, 2007 'Play Day' at Wayne and Phyllis Conner's Circle C Outfit. Drive off at 1:00 pm; food at 4:00 pm. Bring a covered dish to share. Current Coggins required.
- March 23 DEC dinner-dance -auction. 'A Casual County Affair II. 6:00 pm at the Delaware State Fairgrounds Exhibitors Hall. Tickets available after Feb 1st from Paula Barto 302-629-5233 /hopeland3@cs.com
- March 23, 24 Delaware Horse Expo, Delaware State Fairgrounds, Harrington DE.
- March 31 Chapter One Farms Spring ADT. Pedricktown NJ, Training, Prelim, Intermediate. Helene Paxton 856-299-5124, 410-620-3462,
- tm@chapteronefarms.com
- March 31 5th Annual Eastern All Age Registered Haflinger Sale.

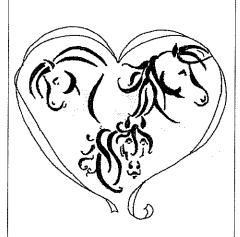
- Carriage & tack 9:00 am; horses 11:00 am. Preview Friday, March 30 @ 5:00 pm. contact Michelle 302-422-9760/email RAHaflingers@aol.com
- March 31 Freedom Hills
 Therapeutic Riding Program,
 '25th' Silver Anniversary Gala &
 Auction. Black tie 410-378-3817
- April 15, 2007 Harrington Raceway meet begins. www.harringtonraceway.com
- April 21-22 Lord Stirling Stable CDE, Basking Ridge, NJ, training, prelim. Nancy Williams 908-766-5955 ext 23, nwilliams@scparks.org
- April 3-6 Garden State CDE, Horse Park of New Jersey. Allentown, NJ, training, prelim, Inter, Adv. Heather Walker 908-439-3171, 908-343-6476 walkers_whimsea@yahoo.com
- April 22-Nov 19 Delaware Park TB racing.
- May 12 DDC Carriage Driving Show - more info to come
- May 18-20 Gayla Bluegrass CDE, Gayla Driving Center, Georgetown KY. Leslie Hernandez 502-863-5113, 502-867-3098 gayla3329@aol.com
- May 20 25th Annual My Lady's Manor Pleasure Driving Show; Spring Valley Park, Wintertown PA. Novice, Open, VSE, Horse/pony. Pam Schneider 717-776-9748 pjschn@aol.com
- June 2-3 Carolina Carriage Club HDT - Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, Tryon NC. Tr, Pre, Paul Nordan 828-863-4777, 404-406-0802 paulnordan@alltel.net
- June 2-3 Carriage Classic in the Pines Pinehurst Harness

Track, Pinehurst NC. Novice whip, pony/horse, open pony/horse, multiples Linda Long 910-692-0943, 910-639-2359 llong6@nc.rr.com

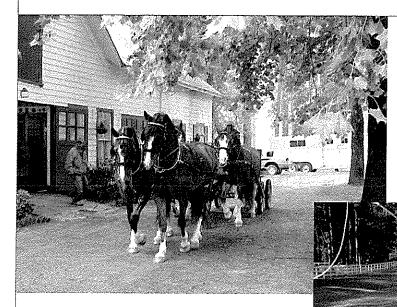
• June 9-10 - Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding Program 2007 Benefit Ride-a-Thon at Fair Hills 410-378-3617



WEE WILLY SEZ



Wee Willy and his Friends say "Happy Valentines Day"



Frances Baker 4-in-hand



Two DDC member booths at the Timonium Horse Expo (Dave Wilson - top, Martie Bolinski - bottom)

Welcome to New DE State Veterinarian

Dr. Sara Busch, DVM arrived December 29, 2006 and hails from Michigan State University. She has been in private practice in PA, NC, IN, MS and MI. For the past 5 years she has been a Professor of Veterinary Medicine at Manor College in PA. She is the author of 'Small Animal Surgical Nursing: Skills & Concepts' as well as a number of articles published in periodicals. She can be reached at The Department of Agriculture 1-800-282-8685

DDC Pleasure Driving Show 2007

As most of you are aware, George Parris and Carl Zimmerman have co-managed the DDC's pleasure driving show for the past three years. While George and Carl have thoroughly enjoyed coordinating this increasingly successful event, both are feeling like it might be time for someone else to "take the reins" and introduce some new ideas and energy. So how about it? Anyone interested in leading the charge this year? You wouldn't be on your own as both George and Carl are willing to continue helping however needed and I'm sure we can count on the many DDC members and friends who've done so much in previous years. Another possibility might be for someone to serve as the day-of-show manager. George and Carl would continue to provide overall coordination, but someone else would take the lead role on the day of the show and keep things running smoothly. Gee, can you think of why George and Carl might want to get freed up for Show day?

I'm guessing there are probably many other ways to spread the work around without overtaxing any one person, so if you've got any ideas, please share them with George or Carl. Also, wherever we end up with show management, there will probably be a coordination meeting in conjunction with the February BOD meeting.

The date is tentatively set for May 12th. Mark your calendars NOW!

Letter to DDC:

Dear Delmarva Driving Club,

Xmas is past and a New Year will be coming in. Joe and I were really surprised when our daughter & son-in-law took us to see Xmas lights and then turned into Nutter Marvel's on Dec. 16. I spoke up and said what are we going in here for, the DDC is having their Xmas party. It was good to see all of you once again. We haven't been to a meeting in a long time. I couldn't remember some of your names. But the big surprise is when you gave us the beautiful Honorary Membership picture. it is beautiful! We didn't even know you had any Honorary members in your club. But then some one told me that Ed, Lois and Sharon have it too. I was glad to hear they did. It was one of our biggest surprises in our lifetime. We will never forget it. Both of us are not able to do much any more, but we did enjoy the good years that we had in your club, and also in our Laurel Saddle Friends club too. We thanked Martie for the wonderful certificate. Horses will always be Joe's hobby.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you! Thank you all!

Love Joe & Pansy

Directions to Anna Klump's Farm - Dana Bright Clinic:

From north: Take 213 S to 298, bear right. Go about 3-4 m. and bear right onto 566. 8/10's mile after that, you bear right again, into Medder's Lane/Rosedale Cannery Rd. The landmark is a white house on the right, then a square sign saying is is 292. The very next lane bearing to the right is IT. Very hard to see! Go about one mile to the stop sign on Eagle's Next Lane, take that lane about 1 mile (after the right hand turn and a left hand turn past the neighbor's horse ring). The very next lane is mine.

From South: 213 through Chestertown. Turn left onto 561 to a T stop in Lynch. Go right to 292. Take that into Still Pond. At the stop sign, go straight onto Main/Trustee St. It will go right, then at the stopsign, take the left to Rosedale Cannery and follow the directions above.

From the East: Take 291 to the east from 301. (291 is Rt. 6 in DE) into Chestertown. Turn right onto 213. Go up to 561, about 3-4 miles and turn left by the animal hospital (before the Thormar sign) and take this through Lynch. Follow directions above.

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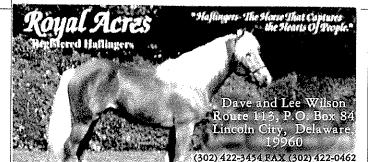
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cdeponyz@suscom.net If any member of DDC has questions or concerns for the ADS, please contact Dana, who will answer or direct you to the correct person or committee. The ADS is always interested in input from the membership

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 Membership Renewal Form 2007

Delmarva Driving Club Events for 2007

Please let us know what events you would like to have for 2007. If you would like to host a drive or clinic or have any suggestions, just let the BOD know so we can schedule it and get it on our 2007 calendar and the DDC insurance policy. Phone numbers and emails are on the cover of the newsletter.

We have 3 events scheduled already for the 1st quarter, so we are off to a great start. Let's have some more suggestions.

If you can help out at any of our events this year, please also let the BOD know about that. With official Membership Meetings only once a quarter, it is harder to plan - so we NEED your input. Don't be shy.

thanks, Martie Bolinski, editor Delmarva Driving Lines

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