Driving Lines May 2011



DRIVING CLUB INC.

DDC Meeting Schedule

May 6 BOD
Meeting
Caroline County 4-H
Park
2:00 pm

June 1 BOD conference call 6:00 pm Call in # 877-216-1555 Pw # 290535

July 6 conference call 6:00 pm Call in # 877-216-1555 Pw # 290535

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Denton, MD. ~~~See page 7 for more information May 7 DDC Spring Pleasure Show, Caroline County 4-H Park,

May 29 Devon Horse Show— DDC Tailgate... see page 8

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our members compete at this event.

Sherry Harris asked that drivers and passengers under 18 wear protective headwear, that we hitch with reins in hand, safety rules be reviewed at each event, that pairs drivers should have grooms and participants are encouraged to wear protective headwear. Jane Ramsey will review the Drive Safely/Drive Smartly hand out.

A thank you note was received from the Delaware Equine Council for DDC's contribution to the scholarship.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05PM

Respectfully submitted.

Martha MacDonald

Delmarva Driving Club Board of Directors' April 13 2011 Meeting Minutes

Present: Jane Ramsey, Sherry Harris, John and Martie Bolinski, PaoLin Hatch, Donna Hurst and Martha MacDonald (Board Members). Also attending, Carol Seiler, club member.

Meeting started at 6:10. Treasurer's report and secretary's report were accepted as presented. The quarterly Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

In Old Business, Jane is looking for a few more volunteers for the show. The program will be at the printer the next weekend. Farm Credit and Stanly Hay have ordered full page ads so Ring One will be called the Farm Credit Arena and Ring Two will be the Stanley Hay Arena. As of this date 7 entries had been received but none were correct or complete. Most often signatures are missing. Martie will be show secretary and entry packets with red dots will require additional information. Volunteers are needed for set up at 9:30AM on May 6 and the BOD meeting will be at 2PM.

Delaware Foreign annual renewal is due. As our insurance covers our liability at all our events, it was decided to not renew this plan.

In New Business, the long lining clinic has 14 registered participants. There will be 3 sessions with 4-5 participants in each.

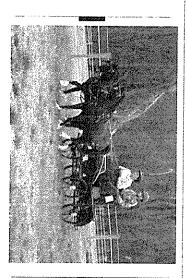
Donna Hurst and Sherry Harris will sponsor a pleasure drive September 10 at Blackbird State Park. A poker drive will be scheduled at Blackbird in October when we know the hunting season schedule. August 13 will be a horse-less picnic and review of carriage maintenance led by Carl Zimmerman at the Pocamoke Park. It was decided not to place an ad in the Elk Creek CDE flyer as so few of

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	Submitted by John Bolinski, treasurer	
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Jane Bailey and her son with pair #1 at DDC's Continuous Drive Event 2011







Jane Bailey with
pair #2 at DDC's Continuous
Drive Event 2011

Exception Board Meeting —March 30, 2010

An exceptional BOD meeting was called on March 30, 2010 @ 6:00 pm to address safety issues during DDC events. Present were Pao Lin Hatch, Donna Hurst, Jane Ramsey, John and Martie Bolinski and Martha MacDonald.

Jane pointed out that there are 4 levels of accidents: 1. No one is hurt/it could have been prevented; 2. Someone/thing is hurt but not seriously; 3. Serious injury occurs and; 4. Death. After a long discussion, it was decided to repeat the safety list in the newsletter several times. It was also decided that before every DDC ride, a short presentation will be made about safety issues often overlooked in our hurry

to get hitched and going. This will include a handout for drivers and their grooms/guests can review. While we have insurance to protect the club when accidents happen, it would be better to educate everyone to prevent accidents as much as possible.

The meeting concluded at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Martha MacDonald

Cairn Paraveille Continuous Drive by Queen Lucy of Narnia (aka Anna Klumpp)

THINK OF CHRONICALS OF NARNIA....

April 9 was a wash out, so the Cair Paravelle Continuous drive was held on the planned rain date of April 10. Due to wet conditions, the event started off an hour later, with 10 entries The dressage ring was busy and cones went quickly Cross country was slightly less than 2 kilometers with a two obstacles, a haunted woods, and a serpentine guarded by garden trolls Jane Bailey and her Haflingers finished within 9 seconds of the ideal time for pony pairs, and Martha D had a spectacular dressage round, and scored the low dressage score of 42 with

her pair of minis, Angel and Sparkle. Needless to say, she was very pleased with that result. In the middle of the cross country course were a few "tasks" to be completed, with a stop sign, a tarp, a mail box (with questions to be answered at the end) as well. A 'whack the pool noodle' section for those who needed to vent their frustrations was added entertainment. Queen Susan (aka Sherri Harris) and Queen Jadis (aka Donna Hurst) scored the task with John and Martie B, helped by Noble Cahall scored cones. Every one, in typically good Delmarva Dining Club style, enjoyed lunch and friendly conversation.

Carol Seiler, who scribed for our Judge, Samea Baker.

Many thanks to my many volunteers, who helped to set up the day before and help the day of the event!

Results

Martha MacDonald Donald Hewes Horse;

Linda Kahlman

Michelle Novak Pao Lin Hatch Barbara Beldin

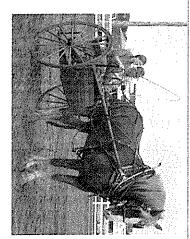
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Martha Duchinowski Jane Bailey (hackneys) Jane Bailey (haflingers0 Best Dressage; Martha D,

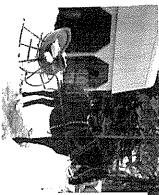
Best Marathon: Jane Bailey Fastest in cones: tie between Linda Kalman and Martha Macdonald



Harness is perhaps a bit big for this pony?



Cart a bit short for this draft horse!



This harness and sleigh is just a messpoor condition of leather

Plow Days by Martie Bolinski

It was a great day in Salisbury, MD - the weather started out perfect! There were a lot of teams there, including a couple of mule hitches. DDC club members, Larry and Valery Langford, the West family, Wayne and Phyllis Conner for sure. Familiar faces plowing away We spent a lot of time letting the kids play with the wool - try their hand at spinning and carding.

They had a blast, the parents had a good time and I actually got some useable wool from the day. Two full spools. And found a home for my old knitting machine. Please note. Pictures from this great event can be found on the DDC's Webshot Club page.

Safety Column by Martha MacDonald

If you've read this newsletter, you know the Board is seriously concerned about safety while driving. We don't want to be police but we do want to remind all our members that driving is a dangerous sport and we all need to be alert and attentive when we hitch our beloved horse/s to a cart and head out for a drive.

We've decided to start a 'Safety Column' where we talk about events that might have been prevented by some careful planning or actions to prevent an accident. Please send me your story...what happened and how it might have been avoided. If we don't listen to history, we are doomed to repeat it.

For this first episode, I'd like to report an event I saw happen with my own eyes.

About 2 years ago I was at an event where a fellow was

laying down a terrific cones course when his extra long reins fell out of the cart, got entangled in the wheel and the right wheel locked up. The horse was thrown into a very very tight circle and fortunately halted quietly.

Dangerous event....extra long reins with no control of the reins.

Smart resolution: 1. Make sure your reins are buckled together. (after you get into the cart/carriage)

2.Attach a small piece of yarn to the buckle and fit it over your little finger so the reins can't fall away from your hands. The yarn will break if you are thrown from the cart.

3. If your reins are really long, coil them up and sit on them. Don't let the extra length fall onto the floor of your cart, risking falling out and getting entangled in

your wheels.

Sometimes a very simple action can prevent a truly horrible accident. What if the horse hadn't halted? What if the driver had been thrown from the cart? What if the horse had bolted and caused further accidents, including a crash that could have destroyed his driving career? Please take the simple steps to keep an accident from happening. We are driving for the joy. Don't let preventable accidents happen.

Safely in your corner. Martha MacD

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.

All members are welcome to attend the monthly BOD meetings, but we would appreciate a heads-up if you plan to attend so that we can phone in case of any change in time or location

Deadline for next month is May 27th

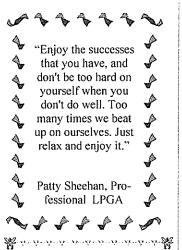
- Mid-Atlantic Whip Challenge Series: 4 regional show series which begins with the DDC Show, My Lady's Manor Driving Club, Brandywine Valley Driving Club and ends with the Susquehanna Valley Driving Club.Call POCs for each show for more detail.
- May 1 Wilson's Carriage Drive and Auction, drive off @ 1pm preview auction items, May 2 is the Horse/Carriage/Auction @ 4pm. (302) 422-3454
- May 7, 2011—DDC Pleasure Driving Show. More info to follow, POC is Jane Ramsey.
- May 15 My Lady's Manor Driving Club Show—Spring Valley Park, Winterstown PA. Open to non-members, Dana Bright 717-246-2351, Anne Councill 717 993 8956
- May 28 SMHA Schooling Show, Upper Marlboro, MD email smhahorseshow@aol.com
- May 25-29 Devon Horse Show, Devon PA
- May 30... Devon Carriage Parade and Tailgate party, Devon, PA. Contact Pao Lin @ 240 274 6180.
- June 4, 5 Elk Creek CDE Fair

- Hill, MD www.Fairhillinternational.com dtfrey@equestriaire.com
- June 12 Brandywine Driving Club Show Fair Hill MD. Margaret Grillet http://bvdc.org
- June 25-26 Susquehanna Valley Whips and Wheels Show Lycoming Fairgrounds, Lycoming, PA Tina Cornell (570) 784-4793
- July DDC Pleasure Drive Location TBD.
 - July 9 SMHA Schooling Show, Upper Marlboro, MD email smhahorseshow@aol.com
- August 6 SMHA ADS Carriage Show, Upper Marlboro MDAugust 6 Southern Maryland Plantation Carriage Show— PG Equestrian Center, Upper Marboro, MD www.showplacearena.com, Mari 410-533-1406
- Aug 10 Walnut Hill Pleasure Driving Show, NY
- Aug 13 Carriage Maintenance Clinic and Picnic-Pokomoke River State Park 10am-2pm. Contact Pao Lin for details 240 274 6180 paoball2000@yahoo.com
- Aug 18-21 Mid-Atlantic Pleasure Driving Weekend -Fair Hill, MD Margaret Grillet @ Margaretgrillet@yahoo.com
- Sept 9-11 Laurels at Landhope CDE
- Sept 10 DD Blackbird Drive, a pleasure drive, no pressure.. just fun! Contact: Sherry Harris (410) 482 2402 or Donna Hurst (302) 492 3932
- Oct TBD Nutter Marvel Carriage Museum lunch and Tour
- Oct 14-15 Martin's Carriage Auction, Lebanon, PA
- Oct 22 Teddybears Picnic Event at Fair Hill, MD, by BVDC- Bobbi

- Hager @ bobbihag@optionline.net
- Oct 29 Chapter One Farms Fall ADT Pedricktown, NJ.
 Www.chapteronefarms.com
 - Helene Paxton 856 299 5124 or Hpax ton@chapteronefarms.com
- Oct 30 BVDC Pleasure Drive Thunder Ridge Farm, Lititz, PA, contact Darryl Martin pilotdm@pdt.net
- Dec 10 DDC Christmas Party, Nutter Marvel Carriage Museum

Delaware Equine Council meets
on the 3rd Monday of each month
at the Harrington, DE Public Library. Special meeting locations
may vary. For more information
check

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Devon Carriage Parade and Tailgate competition— May 30

Some of us are going up to Devon PA for a fun day at the Devon Horse Show's annual Antique Carriage Parade. We enjoy the sights at the church, eat a lovely tailgate and then participate in the tailgating competition. I am reminded that in spite of huge odds against us, DDC managed to take a 4th place finish against stiff competition with the theme of " DELMARVA **EASTERN SHORE** BOUNTY".

Last year, we decorated our table with fresh tomatoes, fresh corn on the cob, crab figurines, fresh eggs, egg salad, crab salad and appropriate decorations, yummy desserts and unlimited **local** beer.

WHEN: May 29 Sunday WHERE: St. Davids' Episcopal Church, Devon PA.; 930am Carpool/Connect with Pao Lin 240 274 6180 paoball2000@yahoo.c

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Variety of Horse Items for Sale: 4 heavy winter blankets sizes 60 to 68 (\$25 - \$50 each); \$50/pr. 1 surcingle \$20; 1 30' long line (web) \$15; 2 size 41/2" Liverpool bits \$20/ea.; 1 size medium Miracle Collar \$20; 1 Mayatex saddle pad \$15; 16.5" english saddle with leathers, stirrups & girth in very good condition-\$250.

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SUNSHINE NEWS

By Lois Evans

Sunshine is sent to Mike Lawrence and his friend David Dunbeck for their accident at Cair Paraveille's Continuous Drive, Carol Seiler's mishap with her cart, xxx

Trip to Gloria Austin's Florida Carriage Museum

by Frances Baker

In early March Anna Klumpp and I flew down to Florida for the CAA's Driver Proficiency Program for 6 sunny, warm days. I went not so much for the driver proficiency program, but to take some four in hand lessons/coaching lessons from John Parker, an expert from England. Anna went for the evaluator's program. John canceled a couple of weeks before the program and the man who was going to take his place for my lessons was called home early so I never did get my team lessons. Instead I took a couple of what I thought were boring single horse lessons to help me get closer to my level 2 designation. I also was Anna's student for a simple rein board lesson. I never did finish my level 2 designation that week end which was disappointing until I can home and imple-

mented with my own horses what I learned in those single horse lessons with Andy Marcoux and again on the rein board with Anna and Andy. It just blows my mind what a difference it's made with my team of four horses. See I never took much time with single horse driving. I've been LUCKY as I started driving with a very patient older school master horse who was so tolerant of my mistakes, then I moved up another patient pair of older mares. I've been very blessed with some very good horses who have taught us and been very forgiving, It's really been awesome to watch the horses lighten up and soften in my hands with such simple basic driving. Want to learn more? Here's my advice: If you have ever wanted to go to Gloria Austin's Florida Carriage Museum in Weirsdale, Florida

- Don't wait— go! You can rent horses there and take lessons and stay right on the 400 acre property or nearby in a hotel.
- Take some lessons and learn the coachman's one handed style of driving even if you don't use it all the time. It frees your right hand to hold the whip.
- Take some of the Driver Proficiency Program. It will be offered in our area during the ADS Mid-Atlantic week end in Fair Hill in August. This program is new and not intended to be a pass/fail situation, but rather a "keep coming back until you get it right and move up a few levels program" Don't expect to pass right away at Level 2, like you might at Level 1

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Horses Meet Wheels by Martha MacDonald

Inspired by an article in a driving magazine, several TEC/Delmarva Driving Club members decided to offer a clinic for the local riding club to introduce their horses to driving horses and carts/carriages. The Tuckahoe Equestrian Center was a 3 day camping and trail riding gathering of nearly 50 horses and riders. DDC folks arrived around 9 AM and set up 3 stages. First horses could touch and taste a stationary cart. Some horses were fearless or bored but others had a few squeals and snuffles. Second stage was to meet a quiet horse attached to a cart.

Again this stage was met with essentially boredom by the horses. Then the fun began. Carol Seiler had her hackney pony, Martha MacDonald had her mini and Karen Mack had her Morgan. Knowing that many horses can't understand mini's, we felt that was an important aspect of the introduction process. First the horses walked around the hitched carts, then followed behind. At one point there was a parade of the mini in full working trot and half a dozen gaited horses gliding along behind. So far so good. But when we turned around and horses had to be ap-

proached by the moving cart or were to trot past the moving cart, some horses expressed grave concern, including scooting sideways, running backwards or trying to bolt. All drivers accepted the requests of the riders to repeat actions, take them slower and eventually add bells to the hitches to increase the noise level. Two and a half hours later, there were a lot of happy riders, quiet horses and an opportunity to share our passion for driving. Other participating DDC

members included Michele Novack, P. Hatch, K. Mack and C. Phillips

American Driving Society (ADS) Mid-Atlantic Weekend-Aug 18-21

Why should DDC members participate in this event?

Your humble Editor's Opinion

For many of our members, showing and competition is just not their 'bag'. Getting out, driving their equine pals, socializing and learning is why we drive! ADS is sponsoring a Mid-Atlantic Weekend at Fair Hill Natural Management Resources area on the weekend of August 18-21. There will be social activities, organized drives, clinics and different equine sort of area club sponsored breakfasts. Additionally, those of us who wish to take or continue their **CAA Driver Proficiency** Testing, there will be an opportunity to take Level I and II exams.

There will be weekend

registration fee which will be mandatory for all participants of the weekend. Additionally, each clinic will be offered 'a la cart'. You may pick and choose what you wish to do and what you don't care to do. There will be reasonable breakfasts offered by the area Driving Clubs on each day of the gathering which will be available for a small fee.

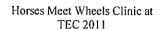
Also offered at Fair Hill are "Equestrian Camping Facilities" that include ten camp pads with electric and water hook-ups and 119 stalls for stabling horses. Equestrian camping facilities are available to groups and individuals by reservation only. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Fair Hill 410-398-1246 directly as DDC is not doing an organized

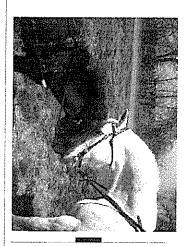
gathering. Camping is available with or without electricity hookup.

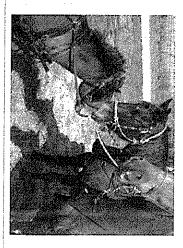
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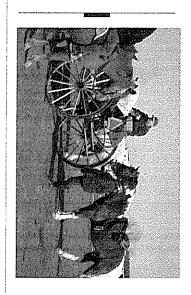
Much of this is reserved way in advance so interested folks planning to stay over must commit to this weekend. More to come when available!

If you want to 'hook up' with other DDC members planning to go, call Pao Lin or Frances.



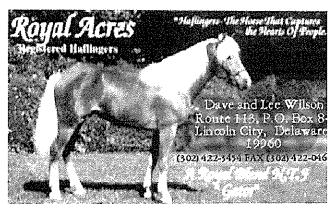


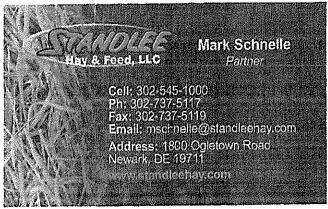




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Some great ideas from the ADS SAFETY TIPS

<u>NEVER</u> take the bridle off while the horse is still attached to the vehicle-not even when he or she has a halter under the bridle.

NEVER leave your horse unattended while your horse is still tied to your trailer if still hitched to a carriage,

TEACH your horse to 'WHOA' and 'STAND' before leaving your home barn,

MAKE sure your breeching is properly adjusted and check for harness wear and vehicle soundness. Do a hand test on carriage bolts to see if the bolts are tight,

CONSIDER using a gullet strap or braid your horses mane/forelock into your bridle to prevent easy removal by a rubbing sweaty head, (Always carry a lead rope and halter in case you need help)

The LAW requires (in most states) a SLOW MOVING VEHICLE sign if driving on public roads, visible from 3 ft off the ground, (for VSE drivers, consider a flag from your vehicle since you sit so low to the ground)

CARRY a fully charged cell phone on your person,

CARRY a whip. It 'replaces' your riding legs, (Try and keep it in your hand and not in the holder :-p),

DRIVER is always first in and last out of the vehicle,

STAY ON marked trails. Avoid hunting season, (or where hunting ORANGE)

NOXIOUS PLANTS are everywhere, don't let your horse nibble along the way,

LIGHT to DARK areas are hard for a horses eyes to adjust, go slowly during this transition,

DESCEND steep grades slowly,

CROSS bridges with care,

MEETING a rider requires caution and courtesy. Stop the carriage and allow the rider to determine how to pass safely,

CALL OUT when passing another carriage, USE Road hand signs,

DRIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LANE. Look for places to get off the road safely,

WEAR reflective road clothing/vests, (assume you are invisible to cars and hunters)

HAVE A GREAT TIME!

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On a final note there is always much to learn. I was

saddened to hear recently of an accident Mary Waller and

her coachman, Steve Holm, were involved in hooking a pair of ponies (green ponies I think). I've watched Mary compete and win with her pair of warm blood horses at the Devon Horse Show for years. She's in all the coaching pictures at shows at Devon and The Royal with her husband, Harvey and their historical road coach, The Old Times. Steve was a keynote speaker at our Florida week end. As I write this I hope they are both on a long road to recovery. Truly they are the best of the best drivers in America. So for the rest of us please don't take anything for granted, get all the help you can and never stop learning.

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