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DDC Meeting Schedule

November 2
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Upcoming DDC Events:

November 26– Turkey Trot Drive- Chestertown, MD

**December 10– Holiday Party– Nutter Marvel Museum,
Georgetown, DE**



November 2011 Newsletter Contributors

Contributors: Pao Lin Hatch, Frances Baker, Martha MacDonald, Deb Dawkins, John Bolinski, Michael Lawrence, Lois Evans

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**Delmarva Driving Club Board of Directors'
Oct 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Donna Hurst, John and Marti Bolinski, Sherry Harris, PaoLin Hatch, Martha MacDonald, and Kay Mildon were present.

The secretaries minutes were approved as presented. The treasurer's report and third quarter reports were accepted as presented. John B pointed out that the entries for the May show were lower than last year but participation in the silent auction, purchase of clothing, ads and sponsorships were up. Yet in the end, we had a lower profit than last year.

Trailer tags for the DDC trailer were renewed for 2 years. There is no inspection required for this trailer due to its size. The Blackbird drive will be moved to next April. There will be a newbie clinic on Jan. 15, 2012 at Donna Hurst's farm. Frances Baker is planning another multiples clinic in Feb. Date to be determined. There may also be a Wye Island drive in February, depending on the weather. Sherry Harris will confirm the date of the Dave Wilson drive for the next newsletter. Other drives are being researched at Fair Hill and other locations. Watch the newsletter for dates.

Donna Hurst and PaoLin Hatch will work on the nominating committee for the new year. Frances Baker is resigning as VP due to the changes in her life but she'll continue to help in all the other ways she has, including the Christmas party. John Bolinski is resigning as treasurer after 11 years. PaoLin Hatch has agreed to run for VP but someone will be needed for the treasurer's position and an open board position.

Renewal letters will be mailed with SASE for every member to easily renew their memberships. Notices will be included on the website and in the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha MacDonald

Delmarva Driving Club Treasurer's Report 1-Nov-11	
Beginning Balance (checking)	\$962.51
Deposits	\$0.00
Payments	\$80.00
Trailer Tags	\$80.00
Newsletter printing	\$30.00
Ending Balance (checking)	\$852.51
CD#1 (2/16/2012)	\$2,264.25
CD#2 (1/22/2013)	\$7,565.80
Grand Total	\$10,682.56

Hollyville Poker Drive
will be featured in our December 2011 newsletter!

SUNSHINE NEWS

Three condolence cards were sent this month: Mr. Tucker (previous DDC member) on the death of his wife Hazel

&

Gary Horseman (longtime friend to DDC) on the death of his son

&

A card to Chris Bailey on the recent colic death of his favorite horse, Astro.



Board/Officer/Mentor nominations needed for 2012 by Pao Lin Hatch

As the year comes to a close, DDC members need to consider what direction they want the club to continue in and what things we can add to our 2012 calendar of activities and events. The work load on a few (like John Bolinski, Jane Ramsey and Donna Hurst could be shared. Can't you help?

Two of our officers have decided to step down (Frances Baker and John

Bolinski. As a result, we are in need of a treasurer. Interested? We can teach you!

Additionally, since I am moving up to the slot of Vice President, we have need for another Board Member. This is a great way to get involved and get your feet wet. We are always in need of ideas to keep drives and activities of interest to as many members as possible. Martha

MacDonald's Safety Corner has added a real gem to our newsletter and members seem to appreciate the insight.

New programs for 2012?

DDC's mentor program will kick off in 2012.

Proposed slate

DDC Board and Officers for 2012

Officers

Donna Hurst- President

Pao Lin Hatch- Vice President

Martha MacDonald- Secretary

Board Members:

Sherry Harris

Jane Ramsey

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*Lois Evans Sunshine Coordinator*

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Vacancies: Treasurer & Board Member

OUT and ABOUT news by Pao Lin Hatch

Henry and Toni Bergenfelder report that success runs in the family! Congratulations to my niece, Emelie Stewart who was 6th in the world competition for saddleseat at the Appaloosa World Horse Show in Fort Worth Texas and Chinquapin Hill Farm.

Congratulations to George and Barbara Clardy winning the Maryland Pony Breeders Futurity in Hartford, County. M&M Halter with their pony, Kellwould Ribhinn.

Numerous DDC members competed at the Brandywine Valley Driving Club's annual **Teddy Bear Trot** event at Fairhill Natural Management Resource Area. Some for their first time! Ribbons were won, friendships were forged and a good time was had by all! Congratulations to DDC members.

Huge congratulations go to several of our newer members who have gotten their horses out to drive in public and in competitions recently. We thoroughly enjoying seeing you newer members out there!

These include Pat Markel and her Hackney pony, Carol Seiler and her Hackney pony and Sherry Harris and her Halflinger pony... HEY... what's up with all these ponies???

PARADES

EASTON, MD

Dec. 3, lineup 5:45 pm, Easton Olde Tyme Christmas Parade contact Marie URen 410-822-5089 muren@goeaston.net

St. MICHAELS, MD

Dec. 10, line up ca. 9:30 am Christmas in St Michaels Parade contact Mert Jarboe, phone 410-886-2307 captmert@aol.com

KNOW OF MORE HOLIDAY PARADES??

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's
newsletter is
November 27th**

- **November 26 "TURKEY TROT"**
Grassymead Farm, Chestertown, MD
- **Dec 10 DDC Christmas Party,**
Nutter Marvel Carriage Museum

2012 Events

January 15 Sunday– Safe Harnessing Tips and Newbie Talk, Hartley DE

January 20-23 MD Horse Expo, Timonium, MD

Feb 23-26 PA Horse Expo, Harrisburg, PA www.horseworldexpo.com

February– Multiple Driving Techniques and Tips, Harbeson DE—date tbd

March Wye Island -Date tbd

March Blackbird Drive (Makeup date)-Date tbd

Fair Hill Drive, date tbd

April 1 FUN BUNNY Ride and Drive, Tuckahoe Equestrian Park, Denton, MD

May 5 Delmarva Driving Club's Spring Pleasure Show. , Denton, MD

* DDC events in bold



The 2012 DDC calendars are ready for printing. Please place your order via email or phone. I will either need to mail them (\$2 each s&h) or you will need to pick up. I will not be able to attend the Christmas party this year. Calendars remain \$13 each and are 13 months. All PROFITS go the the DDC. Contact: Martie Bolinski, 410-398-0257, bolinsm@myshorelink.com. Thanks."



DDC Members are reminded that all classifieds and website listings are only accurately maintained with your assistance! If they are removed after two months (an automatic function) there can be objections by the seller/member that it should remain listed since it has been sold! If the item has been sold or is no longer available, yet continues to remains listed, the Seller is not pleased with this inaccuracy. The editor cannot read minds.. Please let me know your desires as promptly as possible. Thanks. Pao Lin



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 <http://www.delawareequinecouncil.com> Or phone Stan 302-684-3966



CHRISTMAS PARTY UPDATE!

This year's 2011 Christmas party is scheduled for December 10 Saturday at the Nutter Marvel Carriage Museum.

This year's party will have yummys prepared by members; roast beef prepared by Frances and Wayne Baker and Roast Turkey prepared by Martie Bolinski.

At the annual members meeting, two ballots will be presented and voted upon:

- 1) Vote on raising annual dues**
- 2) Approval of the 2012 Board of Directors and 2012 Slate of New Officers**
- 3) Voting on the approval and use of Proxy votes for members unable to attend the Christmas Party**

Look for a flyer in your mailbox for details!



My Weekend in Middleburg by France Baker

As a member of The Four In Hand Club I was invited to my first, coaches only, event in Middleburg, VA. Middleburg has to be one of the loveliest areas around with rolling green pastures, endless 3 rail horse fencing, stacked stone fencing dating back to the Civil War. The town is very small and quaint, with pub style restaurants and horsey foxy shops. We stayed at a bed and breakfast right in Middleburg, a very short distance from the coaching event stabling.

Middleburg was a play area for the very rich in the gilded age of country estates. People would come down from New York to fox hunt there in the fall and then go further south in the winter to Aiken, SC. These large country estates were very popular in the 1920's. Jackie Kennedy fox hunted there when John Kennedy was president. Although many of the large estates have been sub-divided and sold off we saw nothing but perfect unspoiled landscaping.

There were 22 coaches at this event from as far away as Canada and Colorado. Those people had to drive 4 days just to get there. We think we are lucky to live so close. It only took us about 3 hours to get there. This event has been held every 3 years and the first one 6 or so years ago at-

tempted to beat the European record for a coaching event with 34 coaches, they almost made it with 32 coaches at that time.

I took only my most fit four horses and a human team that comprised my husband, Wayne, my two grooms and two other couples who helped us throughout the week end. Wayne drove the biggest truck and trailer there and took complete charge of the coach. Since the evenings were so wet and damp he loaded and unloaded the coach each day. He said he worked his butt off all week end as there never seemed to be enough time. The coach is much larger than our biggest carriage. It seats 12 people with 4 bench seats. Lots to clean each day not to even mention 4 sets of sweaty harness and 4 sweaty horses. Bob and Susie

Cook accompanied us, driving up separately from Southern Pines, NC. Bob maned the hand brake and sat immediately behind me. Our coach is a new reproduction and thus has disc brakes. I cannot say enough about disc brakes. As a newbie to coaching the disc brakes made this event a real pleasure for me, as Middleburg is endless hills...with a long grade...up and down. The horses can get too fast going downhill when the coach pushes down on them. And fast with a big coach would not

be a good thing. The other couple who also met us there came from West Virginia...Raymond and Lynn Titwiller. Ray is a self taught coach horn player. He brought his own coach horn and played it often along the way. We knew the horn wouldn't bother the horses as Ray and Lynn came one week end before this event and went out with us and practiced. I found the tunes to be very soothing, especially when the driving was tense for me.

The coach horn was originally used on coaches to warn traffic at intersections, to signal passing another coach, or just to entertain the passengers. The spectators along the way enjoyed it as well.

I could probably write an separate article on the parties and food as they were out of this world. The coaching event was held in conjunction with the opening

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gala for the National Sporting Horse Museum and Library in Middleburg. They had a sold out dinner dance for 400 people in a tent that looked nothing like a tent with a real floor and walls. I've never seen such food service. That was the big Saturday night party. There was a hospitality tent each day with a different gourmet breakfast complete with southern ham biscuits and grits. Oh my the grits and the little corn muffins that came with them.

The driving is really what this article is all about and there aren't enough words in my limited vocabulary to describe it to you. Unspoiled beauty in every direction.

The last day's drive was through the Mellon Estate, which I understand is still thousands of acres, but at one time was much larger. It was rolling lush green pastures, fenced in with endless miles of brown wooden 3 rail horse fencing. I was told that they even have their own air strip. Since this land was PRIVATE, we hardly met any cars and the ones we did meet pulled way over and gave us a lot of space. The drive ended going through the quaint village of Upperville right on route 50 and back to our stabling across from the Upperville Show Grounds.

I'll share tidbits of information with you in future articles that I have learned along the way watching and sharing with others at the four horse events. I only took my four fittest horses to this event. After the first day in the heat and the hills my beloved leader, Tammy, attempted to colic. One of the other drivers was a vet,

Comegys Creek Farm Drive by Martha MacDonald

How perfect does it get? The horrible winds of Saturday dropped to comfortable, the sun shone and the ground was drying. Don, Darby and Douglas Hewes worked like crazy to present a driving dressage arena, a cones course designed by that devilish pair of women, Anna Klumpp and Samea Baker (what possessed you both to do that combination in the middle of the course? That was wicked but so much fun!), and mowed trails around the property with water crossings and ways around for horses who didn't like to wet their deli-

cate tootsies. Signs were posted everywhere so you could find the parking, the courses and the barns where the food was gathered.

Thanks to the Hewes for presenting a wonderful place to drive. The morning seemed dominated by Hackneys and the afternoon brought out the VSE's. What a delight to see so many different horses, pairs and singles, out playing around on the Hewes farm. Let's do it again! And need I say the food was again...over the top?

Yeah..Delmarva Dining Club with a ton of great driving!

In attendance we had DDC members: Chris, Dakota and Jane Bailey and their pair of hackneys, Anna Klumpp and friends and a ton of mini horses, Carol Seiler and Martha MacDonald and her hackney gelding, Pao Lin Hatch and friend with her pair of draft crosses, Anne Adams and her mini mare, Sherri Harris and her Halflinger. DDC members Michael Lawrence and Samea Baker helped run the timed cones course and keep people safe!

and we were able to get him immediately, saving a full blown colic. Since we still had two hard days to go...I got a good friend to bring me another horse and take Tammy home. It's good to have a spare fit horse. And it's good to have friends who don't mind driving on the Washington beltway and back in the same day!

I am really counting my blessings and my friends! Thank you Phoebe and Brooke Drury. Could not have done it without you! Or my husband, Wayne, and my grooms Carla Schirmer and Toni Wemlinger! **What a team!**

21st Fall Carriage Drive**& Auction Weekend November 13th & 14th, 2011**

Location: Wilson's Auction Sales, Inc. on Route 113, one mile south of the light in Lincoln, Delaware.

Sunday, November 13, 2011

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - OPEN HOUSE PREVIEW

1:00 p.m. - Carriage Parade & Drive - Bring a horse & carriage for an afternoon drive.

Preview items to be auctioned Monday.

Monday, November 14, 2011

4:00 p.m. - Harness, Horse Accessories Auction: Tack, Harness, Saddles, etc.

6:00 p.m. - Registered Haflingers & Grade Horse Sale: All breeds will be accepted for auction and must have coggins & health papers.

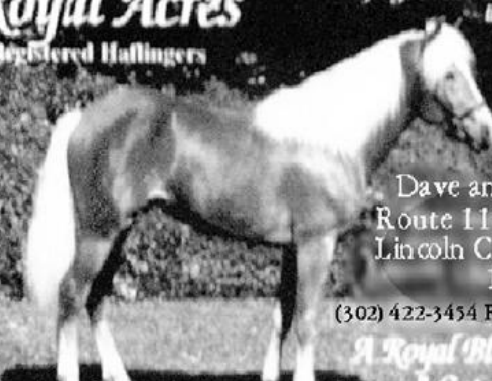
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November 26, 2011

Free Drive between 11-1 —Lunch around 1:30

5240 Johnsontown Rd, Chestertown, MD 21620

Grassymeade 'Turkey Trot' Drive

Come and drive your equine at Michael Lawrence's beautiful Grassymeade Farm, on November 26 @ 11 am. Drivers will drive off between 11-1. Meat and beverages provided by our host, please bring a covered dish to share. Lunch will be served at around 1:30 pm. The 'Turkey Trot' game' is optional, pick up a game card and play along!

Highlights

- Free Drive (not a line drive)
- Cones Course
- Turkey Trot Game (questions, trivia and driving skill tasks to perform)
- Winner awarded at lunch time.
- Prize is a Donation of \$25 donation made in the winner's name to **Women In Need, Inc.** of Chestertown, MD. Additional Donations accepted www.win-foundation.org

Directions: Entering Chestertown from the south on MD 213, cross the Chester River bridge and turn left on N. Cross Street. Proceed .8 miles and continue on MD 289 for approx 5.5 miles, turn left on Johnsontown Rd, drive 1.5 miles, turn right into farm driveway (Grassymeade). Proceed slowly, please note the low hanging branches on the old trees lining the drive. Park along the drive or where indicated by the helpers or signs. May be cancelled due to extreme weather. Please call if you are unsure about footing or the weather.

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Farm Liability Release
and Neg Coggins
required to participate

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