

President's Message:

The summer is in full swing and the pleasure drives, HDTs/CDEs and pleasure shows have started. Many of our members have taken advantage of either volunteering or showing at a pleasure show or HDT/CDE, or participating in a pleasure drive. Do you want to explore one of these options but concerned you or your horse aren't ready? Come to a pleasure drive as a passenger and get a feel for things, or volunteer at a show or groom for someone else and get a feel for how things go without the direct pressure.

On the other hand, those of you that are more experienced, why not reach out and invite or mentor a less experienced driver. Take a few hours to meet with them ahead of a pleasure drive or show and volunteer to help with a good review of safety, harness fit, and carriage suitability etc. Carol Pasbrig did this for me at my first pleasure drive and she even pitched in to help finish polishing brass at my first pleasure show. (Those of us that participate in pleasure shows remember how over whelming that first show can feel like.) For that I am thankful and appreciated the gesture. Recently I returned the gesture to a young driver.

Our driving community is small. We must support each other and the sport of driving in general. Make the effort to give back to the sport in one way or another.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you have not renewed your Dairyland Driving Club membership for 2014, we are sure this is an oversight and urge you to do so now.

This will be the last issue of THE COACHMAN that will be sent (or you will have access to on our website) if you have not sent in your 2014 membership renewal. We will also be purging our e-mail list so you will not receive notices and important Club information. Our changeover to e-mail communication has been very well received by the members — this is your link to up-to-the-minute info for everything from the availability of THE COACHMAN on our website to information relevant to our Pleasure Drives and other events

With your continued membership support, our Club can focus on expanding our presence at Midwest Horse Fair and offer new driver opportunities as well as drives for pleasure and member clinics. We are also able to support local driving events in the form of sponsorship and advertising.

Please mail your check (\$20 family, \$18 individual) to Nancy Nelson, Treasurer, 106 E. Park St., Westfield, WI 53964. If your mailing information and telephone are current in our Member Directory on the website (dairylanddriving.com), and you've been receiving our e-mails, there is no need to fill out a new application.

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Old World Drive, To Drive or Not to Drive

Submitted by Loren Gettelman

This seemed to be the question on a lot of peoples minds on the morning of May 4th. The forecast said "chance of rain" so as drive host we thought lets do it, and I am glad we did.

Dirk Hildebrandt, the historic farmer at Old World welcomed us at the entrance and collected Coggins for OWW files. The wind was strong and cool but the rain stayed away. Everyone bundled up and went driving. Interestingly some of the members that had the furthest to travel were the ones that came. We had a nice turn out. The roads at OWW were great and once into the sites and among the trees it was really quite pleasant. We were provided wonderful photos by Bob Mischka who stopped at the drive. At noon we had lunch and conversation in the Gettelman trailer. It was a great day at Old World!



2014 DDC Drives Schedule

The major focus of the Dairyland Driving Club is to provide safe, scenic and enjoyable pleasure drives throughout the driving season. .

Everyone at each drive must be a DDC member. You can invite a friend to ride along in your carriage by purchasing a “guest” membership for them for \$5. Use the DDC Application form for your guest member.

Current Coggins Test must be available at all drives. You can scan and email a copy prior to the first drive. If you fail to get your name on the list, you must provide a copy at the drives. Debi Radtke set up a gmail account to hold our 2014 coggins. Pretty easy, coggins papers can be emailed to: 2014Coggins@gmail.com
The password is Dairyland, so any member can check if they are hosting a drive or just want to verify their coggins was received in the email account. OR if you do not have access to email, please bring extra copies to the pleasure drive and give to Debi Radtke.

Trail passes. State or county trail passes may be required. **Clean up.** The common courtesy of cleaning your parking spot before leaving is expected; this includes manure. **Cancellation.** In case of inclement weather, check your email or the Dairyland Driving Club website (www.dairylanddriving.org).

FOR ALL THE PLEASURE DRIVES

·**ARRIVE** about **10:00 AM**,

·**STOP DRIVING** at **12:15**; have lunch together at 12:30 PM. Near the end of our meal, there will be a "Twenty Minute Clinic" on various topics of interest to carriage drivers. **Unless otherwise specified, bring a picnic lunch.**

·**AFTERNOON DRIVE** starts about **1:30 PM**.

August 17: Menomonee Park Drive, Menomonee Falls. Known locally as Lannon Quarry, Menomonee Park is located within the Villages of Menomonee

Falls and Lannon. Menomonee Park totals 470 acres of rolling field, high quality maple woods, cattail marsh, wetlands, and a 16-acre quarry lake. In 1880-1900, a stone quarry operated here, now remnants of its history include an old stone crusher and the railroad spur running from the quarry to the Bugline Trail. Address is W220 N7884 Townline Rd, Menomonee Falls, 53051.

September 28: Richard Bong State Recreation Area. Once designated to be a jet fighter base, Richard Bong State Recreation Area is named for Major Richard I. Bong, a Poplar, WI native who was America's leading air ace during World War II. The air base was abandoned three days before concrete was to be poured for a 12,500-foot runway. Local citizens had the foresight to protect this open space for future generations. Richard Bong State Recreation Area is open year-round from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. **Directions:** Richard Bong State Recreation Area is eight miles southeast of Burlington, WI on State Highway 142. The entrance is a little less than one mile west of State Highway 75. Vehicle admission sticker is required. State trail pass is required for off-road bikers, horseback riders and off-highway vehicles.

October 12: Harry Radtke Memorial Drive, Port Washington. This drive, in honor of long time DDC member Harry Radtke, will be held at the lovely farms of the Didier Family. **Bring something for the chili dump lunch.** This drive has it all – lovely scenic trails, a bridge and water crossing, some old hazards from the American Heritage CDE for you to try if you wish, plus an area for practicing dressage and cones. Our thanks to Pat and Pete Didier for all the preparations they make for this event. **Directions:** Take I-43 to Exit #100. Instead of going into Port Washington, take County Road H north. Almost immediately after crossing the bridge, you will see County Rd KW. (H and KW form a "Y.") Take KW north and drive about 1.8 miles. There are Didier Farms on both sides of the road. Take the driveway on the right and continue right past the older farm house, other buildings, barns, and park in a field designated for that purpose.

Calendar of Events

July

19-20 Hickory Knoll CDE

August

17 Menomonee Park Pleasure Drive

September

5-7 Villa Louis Carriage Classic

28 Richard Bong Pleasure Drive

October

12 Didier's Pleasure Drive

Member News

*Our condolences go out to Theresa Adams and family. Theresa's husband, Marvin Adams passed away on April 19th. Services were held in Rockton, IL.

*Condolences also go out to Sheri Haviza and family on the recent passing of her mother who resided in Indiana.

*Recently Myrna Rhinehart spent two Saturday afternoons investing in the future of driving. She taught driving clinics for the Dane County 4- H Horse and Pony Education Committee at Alliant Energy Center. The second one was during Brat Fest and so had desensitization opportunities and public relations built in! Are there kids in your neighborhood? Could you work with 4-H and other youth organizations to put on a demonstration? Sara Harn recalls attending such an event at Wes Licht's farm many years ago and becoming interested in driving her riding pony. Through the help of neighbors and 4-H driving clinics this became a reality! Now her whole family is in DDC, ADS, and teaching a 4- H youth to drive their pony. Find a kid to mentor. Invest some of your time in the next generation. Share their enthusiasm as they learn; it can be contagious. For further suggestions on starting this adventure contact Michele Harn

micheleharn@hotmail.com

*Chad, Myrna and Kyle Rhinehart participated in the Madison area 48 Hour Film Project. <http://48hourfilm.com/en/madison/> The boys and the ponies were "extras" for the early 1900's based movie. They had to go to "Makeup" first, then drive the ponies in the scene. Kyle had to drive Alax in two different shots and eight different takes. Alax got pretty good at understanding "Take Two" and would wait calmly at his spot...again!

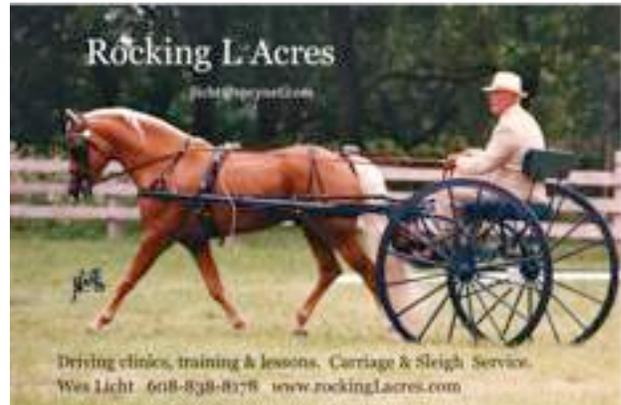


*Loren and Marge Gettelman have also been nurturing future drivers this spring! Just recently they have been working with Anthony Kuenzi getting his turnout ready for his first carriage show. They've been working hard putting the finishing touches on his cart and harness. Looking forward to seeing this young man and his pony out and about soon! Marge and Loren attended the Eastern

Iowa Carriage Glow pleasure show in Iowa a few weeks ago and invited Riley Schoenecke (Donna Crossman's Granddaughter) to ride in the Carriage Glow evening class. Loren's turnout won the class and Miss Riley was tickled pink when Marge gave her the blue ribbon as a keepsake!



Business Card Directory



Please contact Donna Crossman if you'd like to have your business card displayed here.

Cost is \$25/year

Congratulations to Larry Schultz! His artwork was selected as the winner in the 2014 Wisconsin State Fair Poster competition.



Blackhawk Drive

Submitted by: The Gettelmans (Loren, Margie and Tony)

Photos from Heather Kuenzi

The turnout of club members was outstanding for this drive. We had the best attendance ever, the members came from all over. The weather was beautiful, potluck lunch bountiful and conversation enjoyable. It was an all around great drive. Our host members were Wayne and Linda Shutte.



Dairyland Driving Club Logo Wear



Due to popular demand, orders are now being taken for new DDC Logo Wear. The logo is two color and will match the polo shirt or vest.

All clothing comes in both mens and women's styles, and a HUGE range of sizes to fit a variety of adults and older kids. Women's S - 4XLT and Mens S - 4XLT.

\$30 for Polos (\$1 extra for 2XL or larger) and \$55 for Vests (\$2 extra for 2XL or larger).

(top left) **Women's cut polo.** Available in Forest Green, Maroon, Yellow/Gold, Navy, Red, and Royal Blue. Micromesh golf shirt. Designed to control and manage perspiration.



(top right) **Men's Polo:** Available in Forest Green, Maroon, Yellow/Gold, Navy, Red, and Royal Blue. Tall sizes in Navy only. Micromesh golf shirt. Designed to control and manage perspiration.



(bottom left) **Men's soft shell vest.** Available in Black, Navy, and Khaki. 3 layer construction, windproof/water resistant outer shell. Breathable inner. Anti-pilling micro fleece lining, fleece-lined chin guard. Draw-cord hem for custom fit.

(bottom right) **Women's cut soft shell vest.** Available in Black, Navy, and Cranberry. 3 layer construction, windproof/water resistant outer

shell. Breathable inner. Anti-pilling micro fleece lining, fleece-lined chin guard. Draw-cord hem for custom fit.

Orders must be received by July 31, 2014. Please make checks payable to DDC and send to Nancy Nelson, 106 Park, Westfield, WI 53964

Seek & You Will Find

Submitted by Terri Delke

Have a vehicle that does not use the traditional elliptical springs? Recently, I had to replace the springs on the wooden show cart. One of them had broken in half. Found a place that will manufacture the springs needed for carriage repair. National Spring (4603 West Mitchell, 414-645-2222) hand crafted the pair of springs in just a few days; and for a reasonable price. I even got to meet the craftsman who did the work.

Have a pesky tire that keeps gapping, need to replace a tire on a wheel? Ben Yoder at Spring Valley Buggy Shop (608-897-8368; 16348 W. Gempler Rd, Bodhead) was available and handled the repair while I waited. I even got to watch the procedure. No, I'll never do it; just curious. By the way, he answers the phone after just a couple of rings.



◀ 20-Minute Topic Presentation at 2010 Harry Radtke Memorial Drive

▼ Trail Driving Clinic at Blackhawk Park

Photos by Jane Licht



Thanks, Myrna!

On behalf of the members Dairyland Driving Club, I'd like to express thanks to Myrna Rhinehart for her participation in our Club and particularly her tenure and service on the Board of Directors.

While serving on the Board Myrna has been our Club Secretary and always willing to take on extra responsibilities.

The Club Safety Manual was reprinted after she edited an earlier version. She has always been involved with organization of Club activities, including the Youth Camps. Myrna was the impetus for the 20-minute topics segments at various Pleasure Drives.

The popular Trail Drive Clinic at Blackhawk Park was instituted and presented by Myrna beginning in 2010. This Clinic served as a stepping-stone for several new drivers that have become part of our Club. In the words of Jane Licht, "Myrna Rhinehart gave the Trail Clinic on May 20, 2012. Her presentation just keeps getting better. Even son Kyle is listening."

You'll find Myrna, her husband Chad and son Kyle just having fun at our Pleasure Drives, sometimes driving one mini, two minis in a pair or tandem, or a welsh pony. She can also be spotted competing in driving events ... from Columbus to Walnut Hill.

I, especially, will miss her as a BoD member ... we would always carpool to the meetings. — Nancy Nelson



Photo by P. Peregrine, Falcon Point Photo

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

Contact Donna Crossman crossman@gdinet.com to list your driving related items. Ads are FREE for members.

FOR SALE: Pairs harness, like new black bio with chrome, made for a large horse. \$1200. Phaeton over 110 years old, fully restored \$6200. Metal wardrobe \$10. Slide in camper, sleeps 5, all extras & everything works. \$1000. Call Debi at 414-588-5576 or e-mail deb@theenchantedcarriage.com

FOR SALE: 2004 Morgan mare - B Hawks Georgie Girl (Tory) broke to drive and ride (driven more than ridden) sired by Nodaway Torger out of Hylee Radiant (Serenity Flight Time) She is a large solid chestnut mare, standing 15.2 and well built. \$2900 or best offer. Horse'n Around Miniature Equines Wayne and Linda Schutte, 6721 Demby Road, Arena, WI 53503 608-574-4769 schuttewl@gmail.com <http://www.horsenaroundminiatureequines.com>

FOR SALE: Large pony pair runabout, sized for Fjords or Haflingers but with an adapter for a large single horse. Steel pole that should have a vinyl cover for pleasure shows. Lamps available if you wish to show pleasure. Vehicle is very strong with a steel frame. Has rubber mats to cover the oak slat floor, only used a few times, \$5995. Hickory Knoll Farm: frei@chorus.net

FOR SALE: Robertson Seat Trail buggy built on light metal frame, hydraulic brakes, shafts, chrome hub-caps, 11/2" pneumatic tires, vinyl seats. 82" length, 54" width, 60" height, 49" track, 52.5" hub to hub, 29" wheels, 430 pounds. For horse or large pony. Excellent condition. Melanie Lichtfeld. 608-444-5333 MelL@lichtfeldplumbing.com

FOR SALE: Tidaholm Marathon Carriage: Imported from Sweden, this carriage is perfect for those of you who want to fly thru those hazards and have some fun as well! It's light, extremely maneuverable and a blast to drive. This Tidaholm marathon vehicle is located in WI—asking \$5,500, originally \$7,500 without the freight from Sweden. It was built in 2009 for driving my Hackney who stands at 13' hands. It has the following bells and whistles:

- Canted wheels and front wheels higher than rear to lower center of gravity and provide extra stability
- 5th wheel brake activated by foot pedal
- Rear brakes only, IRS Motorcycle
- Torsion bar springs—swingle tree deeply inset
- Low center of gravity and back step
- Adjustable seat
- Weight 127 kg (280 lbs) without shafts
- Hooks for spares box
- Standard length for leg
- Double grip handles
- Shafts are closed loop

• Backstep is fixed. Mallory Gorman 608-445-6123, Malgorman@aol.com.

FOR SALE: Jerald Runabout (EZ entry type) small pony sized cart. Recently refinished and in good condition. Just too many carriages in the shed - I need room!! Photos available \$500 ORO Donna Crossman 920-650-0174 or crossman@gdinet.com

FOR SALE: Village Cart. New shafts and wheels, newly rebuilt and refinished, natural finish in walnut with durable automotive clear seal. Will fit 13.2 to 14.3hh horse. \$1800.00 lorengettelman@att.net or 262-623-2313

WANTED: Horse size Beta-type harness (not leather) in good condition. Contact Char Ehlert 414-315-0169

Meadowbrook Cart for sale; proceeds go to Dairyland Driving Club!!! Suzanne and Kirk Gillespie came across this meadowbrook cart this winter. Below is their adventure!!



During the winter I got a call from a lady that had some driving items stored in a garage that she paid for monthly. Rather than keep paying she thought that I may be able to find a home for the large Meadowbrook Cart. I asked why she did not sell it but someone had told her (without seeing it) that it probably only could be used as a lawn ornament. We could not get together with the lady until after MWHF; I had hoped to have it at the Horse Fair for a raffle or just being offered for sale. Had we gone during the winter we would not have gotten out of there. Her driveway was steep and down by her garage there was no really good way to turn around. We could not back up and out at a 90 degree turn onto the highway either. When we finally made it there it was still a little wet, so we got stuck and had to get a tow truck to come and pull us out. He almost got stuck too. We also left some ruts on her lawn.



The cart was much nicer than what I was told! It is 12 years old, very well built by an Amish carriage builder in Iowa. It was built for a 16+ hand cross bred with 80" shafts, 52" wheels and is balanced at 38" shaft level. We agreed that she would donate it to DDC for a fundraiser with the proceeds going to a free clinic for DDC members which I told her I would arrange. I have advertised in a few places but it is still stored here in my shed.

I believe a fair price for this large, nice cart would be \$1100.00.

Please contact Suzanne Gillespie esg1945@gmail.com or call 608-764-5507

CONGRATUALTIONS 2013 STARS

The 13 DDC members who completed the 2013 STAR driver challenge.

Theresa Adams ---2 categories
Donna Crossman --- 4 categories
Terri Delke --- 5 categories
Charlene Ehlert --- 5 categories
Linda Faivre --- 3 categories
Kirk Gillespie --- 5 categories
Sherri Houtakker --- 5 categories
Marsha Kremer --- 2 categories
Sharon Makurat --- 6 categories
Dani Oster ---2 categories
Chad Rinehart --- 2 categories
Myrna Rinehart --- 1 category
Deb Sauer --- 4 categories

The 13 were honored at the meeting with name stars on the bulletin board display and verbal recognition during the annual meeting. Several received an eight quart flat backed horse bucket decorated with a star, the year and the new DDC decal. The bucket contained apple, banana, carrot and peppermint horse treats. (Nothing for the human team member, however.)



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STAR PROGRAM IN 2014

There will be a few changes for the 2014 challenge.

- Use the ADS submission date for the Hours to Drive program of November 30.
- Modify the categories
- Create several recognition levels
- Email/ mail your self-nomination form to stargeorge@hotmail.com or Terri Delke, 7100 West Layton Avenue, Greenfield WI 53220

The new categories

- Drive your horse(s) at least **50** hours
- Drive your horse(s) in at least **3** DDC event
- Drive your horse(s) in at least **2** ADS events
- Participate in at least **4** other driving events (e.g. parades, County Fair shows, breed or other club/ association shows, clinics)
- Donate at least **5** hours of work to DDC (e.g. Horse Fair, coordinate a drive, work on a committee)
- Mentor driver(s) at least **10** hours

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Leming	Shawn	Muskego	WI
Biagioni	Lori	Pulaski	WI
Bircher	Lynn	Mequon	WI
Conley	Ellen	West Bend	WI
Connolly	Sara	West Bend	WI
Curtin	Janine	Palmyra	WI
Fritz	Lynne	Peshtigo	WI
Fritz	Ellen	Peshtigo	WI
Frisque	Jill	Green Bay	WI
Gorra	Carl & Rita	Warrenville	IL
Griffin	Joan	Menomonee Falls	WI
Heiber	Patti	Mequon	WI
Johnston	Carol	Fox Point	WI
Klein	Mary	Madison	WI
Kuenzi	Anthony	Beaver Dam	WI
Muehlelehner	Ursula	North Freedom	WI
Pierson	Skyla	North Freedom	WI
Pierzina	Valerie	Trempealeau	WI
Post	Susan	Lodi	WI
Ratzel	Karen & Allan	Reedsburg	WI
Smaglick	Kristine	Waupun	WI
Thompson	Mary	Plano	IL
Utke	Rachel	Waunakee	WI
VanEnkevort	Brenda & Hannah	Pulaski	WI
Zadny	Bonnie	Hartland	WI
Silverman	Patricia & Todd	Jackson	WI
Lambert	Ronald	Mukwonago	WI
Hudson	Debra	Mukwonago	WI
Erlandsson	Kjell	Racine	WI
Cameron-Erlandsson,	Elizabeth	Racine	WI
Heiber,	Patti	Mequon	WI

It's time to Renew Your Membership!!

DAIRYLAND DRIVING CLUB MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Family Membership. Includes two adult partners and all children under the age of 18 living in one household. **\$20**

Individual Membership. Includes one adult person over the age of 18 (as of January 1 of the year of the membership). **\$18**

Junior Membership: Includes one child under 18 (as of January 1 of the year of the membership) who is not included in a Family Membership. **\$10.**

Guest Membership: Includes one adult or child. Not entitled to voting privileges or publications but may attend DDC events and ride along as a passenger. Must be sponsored by a Family Member or Individual Member and may not bring a horse or drive a horse at a DDC event. **\$5**

DAIRYLAND DRIVING CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Type of membership (circle one) Family \$20, Individual \$18, Youth \$10 (not part of family membership), Guest \$5*

*Guest Membership only - name of DDC member sponsor: _____

Name - Primary Contact: _____

Name - Secondary Contact: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

You will receive a notice when your Coachman Newsletter is ready, and reminders of DDC events by email.

Send this form and your check made out to DDC for the proper amount to **Nancy Nelson, Treasurer 106 Park, Westfield, WI 53964.**



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