



# Piedmont Driving Club Newsletter

Dedicated to the sport of carriage driving in Northern Virginia

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Advertising, articles, show reports, and information relating to driving and carriages are welcome for inclusion in the newsletter free of charge. Please use e-mail contact below and on the PDC website on the "Newsletter" webpage to send information. Photographs of members are welcome.  
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## Events Schedule

Saturday, 11 April, 2009

Nokesville Horse Society Show and Clinic (Maryalice judging!)

10-12 April, 2009

Southern Pines CDE Raeford, NC

Contact Kelly Valdes 910-692-4164 [fkvaldes@aol.com](mailto:fkvaldes@aol.com)

**Saturday, 18 April, 2009**

**Annual "Blue Bell" Drive (hosted by Bill and Anne Watkins)**  
**(see more info on page 7)**

**CAA Event — 22-30 April, 2009**

**Trip to the Seville feria and private carriage collections, Seville, Spain**  
 Brochure available at [www.caaonline.com](http://www.caaonline.com) (click on "CAA Travel")

24-25 April, 2009

Martin's Spring Carriage Auction, Lebanon, PA  
[www.martinauctioneers.com](http://www.martinauctioneers.com)

Saturday, 25 April, 2009

Southern Maryland Horse Assn. Pleasure Driving Show  
 Prince George's Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, MD

Friday, 1 May, 2009

Fauquier Co. 250th Anniversary Celebration in Warrenton  
 (see more info see Notes and Changes on page 3)

**Friday, 8 May, 2009**

**"Floral" Drive (hosted by Florence Hillman and Owen Snyder)**

Saturday, 9 May, 2009

Delmarva Driving Club Pleasure Driving Show, Denton, MD  
 Contact Jane Ramsey 302-659-2827

**CAA Event — 12-19 May, 2009**

**Trip to the Royal Windsor Horse Show**  
**Windsor, England**

Brochure available at [www.caaonline.com](http://www.caaonline.com) (click on "CAA Travel")

Sunday, 17 May, 2009

My Lady's Manor Pleasure Driving Show, New Freedom, PA  
[www.mlmdc.org](http://www.mlmdc.org) or Dana Bright 717-246-2351

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## ***Events Schedule (cont.)***

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23-24 May, 2009

Carolina Carriage Club Driving HDT, Tryon, NC  
 Www.carolinacarriage.org or Price Story 828-891-7571

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**Sunday, 24 May, 2009**

**Piedmont Driving Club's Traditional Day of Driving**  
 Ardarra Farm, Middleburg, VA  
 More information on page 6.

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29-31 May, 2009

Garden State CDE (USEF Selection Trial) Allentown, NJ  
 Contact Heather Walker 908-439-3171 walkers\_wimsea@yahoo.com

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**Wednesday, 3 June, 2009**

**Picnic Drive hosted by Caroline and Carl Cox**

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**Saturday, 7 June, 2009**

**Picnic Drive hosted by Mary Munster**

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7 June, 2009

Brandywine Pleasure Drive Show Glenmoore, PA  
 See www.bvdc.org or call Samea Baker 610-310-0962

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13-14 June, 2009

Elk Creek CDE Fair Hill, MD  
 Contact Diane Trefry 410-755-6855 dtrefry@verizon.net

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**CAA Event —17-20 June, 2009**

**CAA Conference at Morven Park, Leesburg, VA**

<http://www.caaonline.com/pdfs/2009%20CAA%20Conf%20for%20web.pdf>

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Friday, 26 June, 2009

Lancaster County Carriage and Antique Auction, Bird-in-Hand, PA  
 717-768-3299

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Saturday, 27 June, 2009

Susquehanna Valley Whips & Wheels Pleasure Driving Show, Hughesville, PA  
 Contact: Tina Cornell 570-784-4793

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Sunday, 28 June, 2009

Susquehanna Valley Whips & Wheels Sporting Day of Traditional Driving, Hughesville, PA  
 Contact: Tina Cornell 570-784-4793

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Sunday, 28 June, 2009

Bucks County Carriage Classic in the Park, Revere, PA; Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon  
 Teri Lewis, H: 610-847-8077, C: 610-847-8597 hitchingpostfarm@frontiernet.net

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Saturday, 25 July, 2009

Southern Maryland Horse Assn. Pleasure Driving Show  
 Prince George's Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, MD  
 Contact Mari Douglas Kehrig at smhahorseshow@aol.com

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If you know of anything else your fellow drivers might be interested in, please let me know at [lppence@wildblue.net](mailto:lppence@wildblue.net).

## ***Notes and Changes (Flying Lead or Otherwise)***

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~ **Help needed with horses!** A member of the USTR, CHS and NVCEO contacted one of our members recently and relayed information about 3 adult TWHs and four weanling TWHs in need of homes and/or handling so they can get homes. (Two of the adults are trained and rideable.) A 91 yr-old gentleman suffered a fall, had a minor stroke then couldn't care for the animals and it got out of hand before anyone realized what was happening. They need help with handling, training, riding, mucking, anything that would help get these horses ready for a new home. Call Janine @703-266-0488 or 703-405-6461.

~ **You can reserve your tickets for the FEI World Equestrian Games now.** Let Peggy know you are interested and she will forward you Maryalice's very confused email that has the instructions (it is just jumbled up from email coding, not because Maryalice was confused .)

~ **Are you interested in participating in the Fauquier County 250th Anniversary Parade?** It's being held on the 1st of May (that's a Friday.) If you want to participate, contact Joe Dempsey at JoeDempsey@REALTOR.com .

~ **Need a new driving bit? Or two?** Anne Watkins wanted to let everyone know that Saddlery Liquidators in Haymarket has a bucket full of Liverpool stainless steel bits for \$15.00 each. What a deal!

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Do you have news or information that might interest your fellow drivers? Tell me so we can put it in the newsletter! Email Peggy Pence at lppence@wildblue.net .

## ***Yooheoooo!!!??? Paid your Dues????? Are you sure????***

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Dues are, well... due. If you haven't paid yours yet, print out this page, tear off the bottom half (that would be this bit) and put it with your bills so you'll remember to pay your dues.

Individual (\$30 - one driver only)

Family (\$35 - more than one immediate family member driving)

Farm/Business (\$90 - more than one non-related driver)

Please send your membership dues to:

**Marcia West  
54A Barclay Place CT  
Charlottesville VA 22901**

If you need a membership application and waiver, you can download them at:

<http://piedmontdrivingclub.8m.com/PDCMembershipApplication-and-Waiver.pdf>



## ***Bits and Pieces***

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~ **Zilco harness.** Used once. F/S EZ Single, w/ Black reins, \$800 OBO, Call Kim 540.554.4955

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~ **Mini-size easy entry cart.** Never been used. \$350.00 Price slightly neg. (Sells new for \$479.00) Call 304-856-1654. Also, looking for a 2-wheel cart, pony size, with brakes (not a marathon.) — New PDC member, Susan Murch

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~ **2 y.o. Cleveland Bay X TB filly.** Gorgeous! White stripe; huge, kind eye; beautiful mover; gentle temperament. Took 2nd on line @ Upperville in part-bred class. \$8500.00 firm.

~ **Yearling Cleveland Bay X TB colt.** Dark bay, no white, phenomenal mover and temperament! \$7,500.00.

~ **7 y.o. KWP gelding.** 16.2 hh, bay, white socks, white stripe. Very fancy, reliable, carriage / riding horse. Papered import. Lovely disposition. Single or pair driven. Extensive cross-country riding in company or alone. Has done several picnic drives here, driven extensively in carriage community.

~ **8 y.o. purebred Cleveland Bay gelding.** Green broke to drive. Very steady and mature. Will continue training and adding mileage. This would be a lovely horse for just about anyone. Very gentle and sensitive. A compact, solid type, short coupled and upheaded. Extravagant mover. Could do well as dressage prospect.

**For any of the above, please direct your inquiries to Maryalice @ 540-270-6157 or 540-341-4972.**

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~ **Freedman Harness.** Black with chrome to fit lrg pony/cob. Very good condition. Price \$1,600.00. (540) 554-8671 or email [thehasteningfarm@earthlink.net](mailto:thehasteningfarm@earthlink.net).

~ **Jeff Day Carriage.** In good condition. Maroon with shafts, pole and dickey seat. Also, marathon back step. To suit 14.00hh—15.2 hh. Offers invited. (540) 554-8671 or email [thehasteningfarm@earthlink.net](mailto:thehasteningfarm@earthlink.net).

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~ **Substantial, German-made marathon vehicle.** Lightly used, outstanding condition. Includes extra bars, wheel chocks, adjustable seats, pole (no shafts). Do not miss this one! Well priced at \$6,000.00. Carl Cox //540-349-3030 or email: [pleasecallcarl@hughes.net](mailto:pleasecallcarl@hughes.net).

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~ **Wanted—fancy Welsh or Welsh cross pony 12—13 hands to drive and show.** Please contact Beverly Hubbard at 410-984-7393 (cell), 410-549-8999 (home) or [bhubbard@drgabert.com](mailto:bhubbard@drgabert.com)

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~ **Six-horse slant-load trailer.** 1988 Touch of Class/Featherlight. Dropdown windows, center ramp, large dressing room. Rear tack room removed to make room for carriage, golf cart, etc. Outside storage. Aluminum reinforced underneath 2007. \$10,000.00. Located in Southern Pines. 910-692-5051.

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Do you have extra harness taking up space? Or a carriage or horse looking for a new home? Need something? This is the place to let your fellow drivers know about it. **And if your ad is old news, let me know so I can remove it.** Email Peggy at [lpence@wildblue.net](mailto:lpence@wildblue.net).



## More Bits and Pieces



~ **Warco pony pair vehicle** with pole, pole cover and shafts. Full cut under with fifth wheel. Good solid vehicle. \$2,700.00

~ **Drop front Park-type Phaeton** with parasol armature and fittings. \$2,400.00

~ **Ladies Phaeton.** \$1,800.00

~ **Wicker governess cart.** \$900.00

~ **Custom-made cob-size russet harness.** Quality English leather with brass fittings. Pig-skin blinkers and saddle. Excellent condition. \$1,100.00

**Contact 540-592-3052 or [vawhip@crosslink.net](mailto:vawhip@crosslink.net) for any of the above.**



~ **Custom-made cob-size russet harness.** Quality English leather with brass fittings. Pig-skin blinkers and saddle. Excellent condition. \$1,100.00

~ **Training cart, \$2500.00.**  
Contact [wtwetlands@pennswoods.net](mailto:wtwetlands@pennswoods.net).

~ **1987 Trail-et 2-horse gooseneck trailer.** Solid, safe and very functional. Not pristine, but not falling apart either. 7' ceiling, decent tack/dressing area. \$3500.00 Contact Peggy Pence @ 540-286-0981.



~ **Amish courting buggy.** Kept inside, but needs windshield repaired and shafts are slightly warped. Also available, two heavy farm wagon axles and wheels, assorted shafts and poles. Contact Georgia Fuller @ 540-752-4763 or 202-712-0551.

~ **Carriage, Sporting Phaeton.** Custom built by Jason Stoltzfus of Mill Run Buggy Shop in Honey Brook, PA in 1993. Walnut stain finish and brown paint, spindle seat rail with tan tufted Bedford cord upholstery and 7" wedge seat, brass hub caps, rein rail and whip holder, brown rubber pyramid floor mat, German ball bearing 5th wheel. Brakes and bearings just services by Burkholder Buggy Shop. Comes with three sets of shafts for different size horses and a speedometer. This carriage deserves to be in the show ring or on that special picnic drive. \$3500.00 Contact Jim or Rosemary McKelvey @ 540-377-2455.

~ **Mini-sized pneumatic-wheeled metal cart.** Pristine condition, used very little. \$450.00 Contact Maryalice Matheson @ 540-270-6157.

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## *Notes from the President*

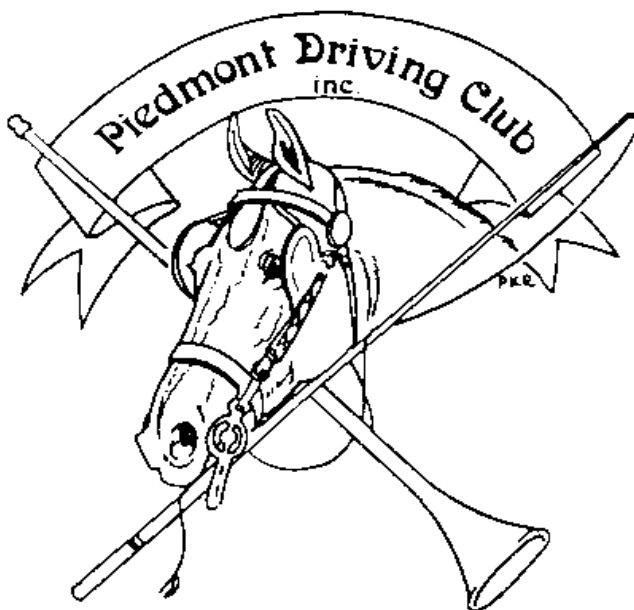
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Before we talk Traditional Day of Driving, I wanted to let you know about an opportunity we've been given to represent our area during the Carriage Association Conference at Morven Park. Ken Wheeling asked me to put together four or five "Hunting" turnouts, as the conference will be hosting a "Foxhunting" turnout demonstration that will include a small portion of the Fairfax hunt, I believe (meaning staff and some hounds, etc.) What I envision are sporting tandem(s), a break (such as the one of the latest Carriage Journal cover), perhaps a Victoria with ladies in morning dress to see off the hunt. Please contact me as soon as possible so we can include these turnouts in the program or resolve any questions you may have pertaining to it. Let's show the geographically diverse crowd of the CAA what Virginia Hunt Country is about!

Now, time is ticking when it comes to getting this Traditional Day of Driving pulled together. I need help! We should be holding our first organizational meeting this week, so if you're planning to help with this, please call me so I can keep you posted on meeting days and times. The spring has started out chilly, damp and slow, so let's take advantage of it by using the time to get this Traditional Day organized. I have a manual to guide us in a step-by-step process that should produce a wonderful, friendly event. I will be happy to make copies (or a copy can be obtained from the CAA office.)

So far (apart from the location and date) we've put together some categories. We will have divisions for minis/vse (p.c.), ponies, horses/mules, drafts (if warranted), singles, pairs and multiples. We will have an award for the high score Morgan, sponsored by the Morgan Horse Association. In addition, there will be awards for the best painted vehicle, best varnished vehicle, best picnic/tailgate on the carriage, best canine passenger, happiest passengers, best suited whip / equine combination, most elegant passengers, best antique vehicle and best modern / reproduction vehicle. More categories may arise at the discretion of the judge(s).

The event will start at 10 a.m. The cross-country portion will be held on gently rolling, manicured fields and gravel roads, approximately 5-6 miles in length. Cones and turnout will be held in a mowed field. Entry blanks should be available in the next week (we'll get those emailed out.)



I can be reached on my mobile most of the time either by text or by voice. You can also call me on the landline and leave a message (or call in the evening.)

Sincerely,

Your President  
Maryalice  
540-270-6157 (Mobile)

## ***The First Picnic Drive of the Season*** ***“Virginia Bluebell Drive”*** ***Saturday, 18 April, 2009***

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Our first picnic drive of the season will be hosted by Anne and Bill Watkins at their Kittery Point Farm. Drive off is at 11:00 a.m. with a picnic lunch following the drive. For those who have never been on this drive, it is about half asphalt and half gravel, with lovely driving along the Shenandoah River. Hopefully, the Virginia Bluebells will be in full bloom as they have been the last few years. You can drive any distance you choose. Dress is not formal, but gloves, hat and whip are required. Also be sure to bring a negative Coggins.

Please, please RSVP by April 13th for a head count as our hosts are providing cold beef and non-alcoholic beverages. (You bring something else yummy to share.) The number for the RSVP is 540-955-2659 or email [terret@wildblue.net](mailto:terret@wildblue.net). On the day of the drive you can reach Anne by cell at 540-550-4433.

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## ***The Second Picnic Drive of the Season*** ***“Floral Drive”*** ***Friday, 8 May, 2009***

Our second drive of the season will be hosted at Auriga Farm by Florence Hillman and Owen Snyder. Details will be provided later, but mark your calendar now. I can give you a hint — put on your Sunday best and decorate your horse and/or carriage with flowers — you know, those May flowers that come after April showers. This is long one, so get ready — 8–10 miles.

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See the Events Calendar for more Picnic Drive dates. They are larger than most of the other events listed and are in bold lettering (we wouldn't want anyone to miss one!)

## ***A Note about Last Year's Final Picnic Drives***

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The PDC had two very nice drives in the fall of 2008 that weren't covered in the newsletter at that time. They were both attended by a small, but elite group of drivers and the weather and company was perfect. One drive was hosted by Anne and Bill Watkins and the other by the Combs, near Amissville. Everyone who attended these drives had a wonderful time and the hosts are sincerely thanked for the kindness that makes someone put out the effort that goes into making one of these drives possible.

Whenever you attend a picnic drive, please feel free to email your thoughts or comments to Peggy. Tell me about the weather, the scenery, the company, the horses, the food, the visitors and anything extraordinary you saw or experienced. A few emails like that and I can write a great report even if I didn't have the chance to attend myself. All I need are your comments, you don't have to write a story!

## ***Need a Vacation? Consider this!***

This spring we are opening a new riding and driving facility (called New England Riding and Driving Vacations) next to the Balsams Resort in northern New Hampshire. We are offering a 10% discount to all ADS affiliated club members on all riding and driving vacations. Please check out our website at: [www.newenglandridinganddriving.com](http://www.newenglandridinganddriving.com) . Here's some information about the facility.

We are located next to the Balsam's Resort in Dixville Notch, New Hampshire. Our farm abuts the Balsam's 15,000 acres of privately owned wilderness with more than 60 miles of well maintained trails and carriage roads that climb over mountain tops with spectacular views and wind through pristine mountain lakes and fragrant fir and spruce forests. Unknown to most horse enthusiasts, it is a horseman's paradise....a veritable Acadia of the North Woods.

We offer 2-5 day driving and riding packages. Our driving packages boast a combination that can't be beat...driving stylish, well-trained horses down beautiful carriage roads through pristine wilderness, and 5-star dining and accommodations at The BALSAMS Resort, or stay at our Farmhouse for a more rustic experience. Our driving vacations are suitable for someone who has never driven before and for experienced drivers. Beginner drivers will learn everything from harnessing to hitching to taking the reins while sitting next to a knowledgeable driver ...learn driving basics while enjoying the many miles of scenic roads that leave from our door step. Experienced drivers will have



the opportunity to drive a wide variety of horses including hackney ponies, hackney/Morgan crosses, Morgans, welsh cobs, Friesian/Morgan crosses and a standardbred! Experienced drivers will go out, two per cart, on 2-3 hour guided tours...we can accommodate up to 5 people (three carts)...with at least two experienced drivers and a guide. We also rent stalls and paddocks for people who want to vacation with their own horses. Our riding vacations are best suited to intermediate and advanced level riders who can trot for extended periods of time, canter and who can easily control an energetic horse. We have shorter rides available for novice riders. Our group size is small, only 2-5 riders, and our guides are qualified instructors who will help you get to know your horse and improve your riding skills.

We have both english and western saddles. Our horses are well trained and energetic. They receive the best of care and are treated with love and respect. Most of our horses ride and drive.

For more information and to book riding and driving packages, please visit our web-site at:[www.newenglandridinganddriving.com](http://www.newenglandridinganddriving.com) or call 603-237-8121 e-mail: [leonardaj@yahoo.com](mailto:leonardaj@yahoo.com)

2 1/2- 3 hr. rides (int-adv. riders only) \$180 per person

1 hour novice ride, \$90 per person

2-3 hour driving session, \$150 per person

Lodging is available both at The Balsam's Resort (next door), and at The Farmhouse.

The Balsam's Resort offers first rate accommodations at an Historic grand resort: 5- star dining and numerous amenities including: an 18- hole panoramic golf course, a heated outdoor pool, swimming and boating in Lake Gloriette, Tennis courts, and much more. Please visit [www.thebalsams.com](http://www.thebalsams.com) for more information about the Balsams Resort.

To book rooms at the Balsams for our special discount price for riding and driving clients, contact us at 603-237-8121 or [leonardaj@yahoo.com](mailto:leonardaj@yahoo.com) For a more rustic and economical vacation package, lodging and breakfast is also available at our Farmhouse ([www.newenglandridinganddriving.com](http://www.newenglandridinganddriving.com)) I've attached a photo to give you an idea of the trails....please let me know if you have any questions.

THANK YOU! -- Leo Joost -- New England Riding and Driving