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## Racing Commission Dedicates Equicizer to Delaware Jockeys

On September 23, the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission (DTRC) dedicated a new Equicizer to the Delaware Jockey Colony. The Equicizer is a mechanical horse that allows riders to maintain their competitive skills by practicing, or getting into riding shape if they are returning from an injury. During the informal ceremony in the Delaware Park Jockey's Room, Rosemary Homeister, Jr., one of the local jockeys got a leg up and was the first to demonstrate the benefits of having such a device available to riders. All of the Commissioners were present and a good representation of the jockey colony was on hand to accept the new mechanical horse.

At the presentation, DTRC Executive Director John F. Wayne commented, "Since Delaware Park is known for its filly and mare races, naming the new mechanical horse was easy - thus the name "Delaware" is appropriate."



Photo from left to right:

**Back row:** Ramon Dominguez, Mario Pino, Terry Thompson, Bernard Daney, Duncan Patterson, Rosemary Homeister, Debbie Kileen, Henry Decker, Edward Stegemeier

**Front row:** Joe Rocco Jr., Jeremy Rose, Irwin Rosendo, Carie Kifer, Tony Maragh, James Lopez, William Hollick, Nicholas Petro