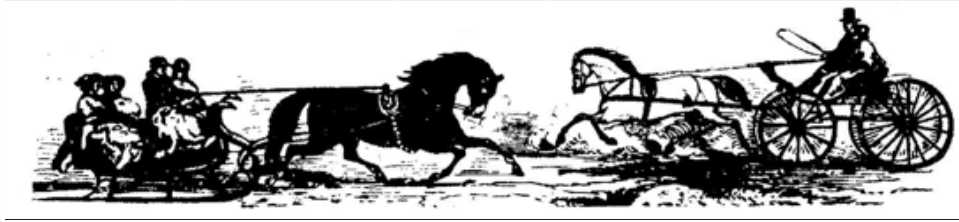


THE DRIVING LINES



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CVCA Board Meetings are held monthly online – if you'd like a copy of the agenda or minutes, or if you'd like to log in to attend a meeting, contact any Board member for info. We'd love to see you at a meeting!

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 9th: Lorenzo Driving Competition Work-Day & Summer Picnic

July 14 - 16th: Lorenzo Driving Competition

August 19th: Sheffield Farm Pleasure Drive and Fun Day, Ithaca

September 16th: Sadoff Davies Pleasure Drive, Nelson (rain date 9/17)

October 7th: Sears Family Homestead Pleasure Drive, Cazenovia (rain date 10/8)

November 11th: Annual General Membership Meeting, Lincklaen House, Cazenovia

Upcoming Events Our Last Pleasure Drive

Sears Family Saturday Oct 7th (rain date 10/8)
2570 Holmes Road, Cazenovia Ny

General Membership Meeting & Brunch

Nov 11th Lincklaen House, Cazenovia



Look for all the details below

President's Letter

October 2023

Greetings CVCA Family!

Fall has officially arrived and there is a definite cool, crisp feeling in the air, foliage is starting to change color and we even bit the bullet and turned the furnace on earlier this week! The flies are smaller and diminishing in numbers. This just may be the best time of year to hitch up and enjoy a drive with your equine friend!

Many of our CVCA members did just that on September 16th at the home of Sonia and Kevin Davies. It was a beautiful morning spent on well-marked and manicured trails. Plenty of meadows and trails as well as a hilly stretch which yielding spectacular views topped off by a relaxing trip on a quiet country road. The day was topped off with a dish to pass picnic on the front lawn of the Davies home. CVCA cooks rock! Raffle tickets for the CVCA tote were sold and there was lots of good conversation, fun and laughter!

Next up, is the drive at the Sears Family Homestead on October 7th. By the time you receive this newsletter it will be time to think about preparing your check list for the drive. Be sure to check your trailer lights and brakes as well as air in the tires. We will start the day with coffee and donuts. This drive offers spectacular views of Cazenovia area and good times with both equine and CVCA friends! A dish to pass lunch will round out the day before good-byes and heading home.

Our final scheduled event of 2023 is our Annual Brunch and Meeting on November 11th at The Lincklaen House in Cazenovia. The activities will include a 2023 year in review, election of board members, our always popular Silent Auction and the drawing for the 2023 raffle of a CVCA duffle bag overflowing with fabulous gifts with the horse person in mind! Back by popular demand is the fabulous brunch that is sure to fill your belly and put a smile on your face! Full details and registration are included in this newsletter.

This is also the time to renew your CVCA membership! And also, the perfect time to reach out to a friend or family member that has caught the carriage driving 'bug' this year to invite them to attend our meeting and join CVCA!

Your CVCA board has worked hard this year to provide a full calendar of events with a mix of virtual and in-person as well as educational and fun activities. We are beginning to plan the 2024 CVCA calendar and encourage you to reach out and let us know what you would like to have included in the program! This is our club and we want to host events that appeal to a many members as possible!

Hitch up and drive safely!

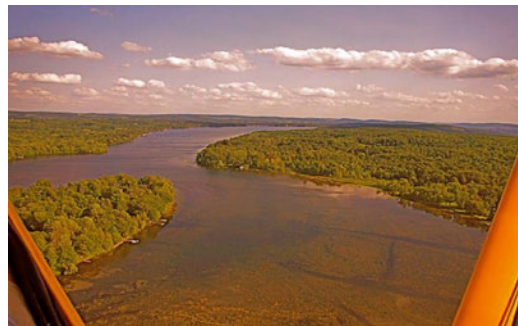
Judy

Sears Family Homestead Pleasure Drive

(2570 Holmes Road, Cazenovia, 13035)

October 7, 2023 (rain date 10/8)

Come and enjoy the beauty of fall and the best views of Cazenovia and Nelson to be found! We will start the day with coffee, donuts and conversation in usual CVCA style! Then hitch up drive at will while you wind your way up the hillside enjoying the scenic landscapes along the way! We will enjoy a dish to pass picnic lunch with beverages provided by CVCA. Have a safe trip home!



Our Host – Judy Sears



Schedule

Arrive - 9:30 am

Drive - 10 – Noon

Lunch - 12:30 pm

Good-byes - 2 pm

RSVP to Judy Sears 315 750-8053 (cell) or 315 662-7066 (landline)



44th Annual Member Meeting

Lincklaen House, 79 Albany Street Cazenovia, NY 13035

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Please RSVP! We need an accurate count.
Non-CVCA Members are welcome to attend!
Price: \$30 per person; Children 0-5 are free.

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

11:00 AM- Welcome Reception and Silent Auction Bidding Begins

11:30 AM - Brunch Buffet

12:30 PM - Membership Meeting: Year End Business Meeting/Election of CVCA Directors

~ THE SILENT AUCTION ~

THIS is one of the most fun and anticipated parts of our Annual Meeting!
This is a MAJOR fundraiser to support our activities during the next year.
Bring in no more than 3 quality “horsey” or “non-horsey” items: anything from prints, coolers, harnesses, bits, baskets of cheer, baked goods, or anything else!

Name(s) of Adults Attending	Names of Children 0-5 Attending

2024 Membership Renewal (\$25 adult; \$35 family) **Amount Enclosed:** _____

Brunch Amount Enclosed: _____

Donation (optional) Amount Enclosed: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Please return luncheon RSVP and membership payment & form by Oct 27th to:

Gloria Waro - 2415 Co Road 11, Mt. Vision, NY 13810

Questions?

Gloria Waro at mommadukes3089@gmail.com

Do you have any dietary needs that require CVCA to contact the restaurant? If so, how may we help meet this need? _____

Sadoff Davies Drive 2023

The preparations for the Sadoff/Davies Drive, September 16, 2023 began long before with mowing of trails, trimming back brush and picking up sticks and limbs that had cluttered the trails. Much of this work fell on the backs of our hosts, Kevin and Sonia Davies.

The Saturday before the drive a group of CVCA members were hard at work with clippers and weed eaters to assure the trails were ready for all. You can be assured there was plenty of laughs and chatting along the way!

A total of 8 turnouts and 1 rider enjoyed the beautifully groomed trails which included rolling meadows, fields of goldenrod and wild flowers, wooded hillside trails and spectacular views of the countryside.

Honoring late CVCA member Terri (*I'll get the donuts*) Mather the day started with coffee and donuts supplied by Kevin and Sonia. Of course, there was plenty of greetings and pairing up before hitting the trails.

Following the drive approximately 25 CVCA members enjoyed a covered dish lunch on the front lawn of the Davies' home. In true form, the CVCA cooks outdid themselves with an array of hot and cold dishes topped off by some delectable desserts. There were raffle ticket sales and plenty of time for laughs before packing up and heading for home!

Many thanks to those who assisted with trail preparations, setup and takedown and to everyone who brought favorite foods. And of course, a very special thank you to our hosts Kevin and Sonia Davies who host this drive each year to honor Sonia's parents, Mike and Jane Sadoff. They were among the founders of CVCA. Mike and Jane created the trail and made it exclusively available to CVCA members. See you next year!



Join the New York State Horse Council for the 54th NYSHC Annual Fall Pleasure Ride

Brookfield Fall Pleasure Ride - Oct 2023

The 54th NYSHC Fall Pleasure Ride at Madison County Fairgrounds in Brookfield, NY will be held on Columbus Day weekend **October 6th through 9th, 2023.**

Come for the weekend or come for one day. You don't want to miss this weekend of trail riding, games, good food and good friends.

Contact the Fall Pleasure Ride Committee Chairperson: Cathy Floetke (352) 207-9501, FallRide@nyshc.org for more information.

RSVP Book ready for registration!

Register Now At <https://www.rsvpbook.com/NYSHCFallride23>

or Print & Mail Form

The highly acclaimed Brookfield Trail System has over 130 miles of horse trails set throughout three state forests (Charles Baker State Forest, Brookfield Railroad State Forest, and Beaver Creek State Forest). These three forests collectively provide 13,750 acres of public reforestation lands for multiple recreation purposes. Madison County Fairgrounds provide Campsites with full hookups, bathrooms, showers, 3 horse barns with box stalls, outdoor arena, dining hall and more.

You do not need to be a NYSHC member, but since the horse council is an important advocate for equines and the equine industry, why not consider joining. As a member, you can join with insurance which includes Equisure's Excess Personal Liability of \$1,000,000

Save the Date , Saturday Oct 14th

New York State Horse Council Annual General Membership meeting at Cornell University
Details can be found on Horse Council Webpage nyshc.org

While CVCA is no longer a club member of the horse council, a great many of CVCA members are, and may wish to attend this fun and informational day

CARRIAGE DRIVING EVENTS FOR 2023

Here is an updated (as of 10/23) list of driving events being planned in 2023. Be sure to check the dates, as a few have changed. Time to start marking these dates on your 2023 calendars! Show season will be here before you realize it! There is something for everyone. Please try to support and/or participate in any of these events if you can. If the support isn't there, some of these events could go away...forever. Again, this is not a final, comprehensive list of 2023 events. As more events are scheduled, they will be added in upcoming CVCA newsletters. These are events being planned by other NYS and surrounding states carriage driving clubs. CVCA 2023 events are listed on the front page of this newsletter. If/when you hear of any additional carriage driving events, please email me with the information. (jes41@cornell.edu).

Barneveld Horsemen's Association: (BHA) (www.bhahorse.com)

Oct. 14: Fun driving show ***Note date change***

Western New York Combined Carriage Association: (WNYCCA) (www.wnycca.org)

Oct. 15: Fall Trail Challenge

ECHO:

October 29: Halloween Spooktacular

Looking ahead to 2024, here are a few dates/events to add to your calendar:

Avon Park Driving show: July 27-28

Northampton Driving Society pleasure show: (TENT): June 23 at Silver Shoe Farm, Batavia, NY

Saratoga Driving Association: June 14/15: CT/HDT

46th Annual Lorenzo Driving Competition July 19-21

September 14: Pleasure Driving show, both events to be held at the
Stockade Polo Grounds.

AVON PARK DRIVING SHOW

Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

On July 29-30, 13 CVCA members competed at the 2nd annual Avon Driving Park Pleasure Driving show, held at the Avon Driving Park, located in Avon, NY. This is a very respectable number of CVCA members supporting this wonderful show. In fact, the entry numbers almost tripled from the first show in 2022! How awesome is that! The location of this show is very easy to find. Beautiful show grounds, with a tree lined main show ring. Brand new portable stalls were assembled under the covered pavilion. There is ample parking space for horse trailers. What more could a carriage show competitor ask for? This show receives so much support from the village and town of Avon. The community service providers: fire, police and the Mayor's office all were involved with assisting with the smooth operation of this year's show. Barilla, the national pasta company, (with a manufacturing plant in Avon) was a very generous sponsor of this year's show. The company even provided the cash payout for the Scurry class this year. The weather wasn't very cooperative on Saturday afternoon, creating a very soggy, wet and muddy cross country pleasure pace. But, we all survived and Sunday dawned warm and sunny! Just in time for the Sunday morning Presentation Drive, a "gift", if you will to the town's residents for all their support for this show. The Presentation Drive was a 2 mile round trip out and back into town. The streets were lined with appreciative, cheering towns' people.

CVCA members participating were: Carol Buckhout, Tom Frechette, Kristin Gutosky, Teresa Jackson, Karen Leach, Dee McCartney, Liz Murphy, Deb North, Vickie Roucken, Susan Smith, Judy Sobczak, Lorraine Van Luven, and Dirk Young.

2 CVCA members were volunteers during the show: Sharon Baum and Lisa Teichert.

This show needs to be on your show list for 2024! Mark July 27-28, 2024 on your calendars!

Out and About

NYS Fair – Driving Obstacles

For the first ever at the Great NYS Fair, there was a driving competition of a different color. This year, members of the Western NY Combined Carriage Association were invited to compete in an ECHO (equine cones, hazards and obstacles) event. This included CVCA members Dirk Young, JoAnne and Tom Frenchette. Instead of the usual three heats you would see at an ECHO, there was only one – fastest time through the cones and 2 sets of obstacles – A, B, C, D. It was a blast! As the competitors entered the Coliseum, the audience cheered them on. Each competitor had three goes. The fastest of their three was used to determine the winner. And the winner for that night was Sarah Bates!!! To end the evening, drivers went head-to-head with another driver in a barrel race – with carriages. It doesn't get much more fun than that.

For those not familiar with ECHO events, these are low-keyed equine events where drivers and their equines test their ability to maneuver a series of cones and obstacles. There are three "heats". The first heat is for an optimum time. The driver coming closest to what is determined "optimum" is the winner. Next, there is the progressive round. In this round, the driver has 3 minutes to go through the course and then continue, in the correct sequence, to get through as many cones/obstacles as possible. Last is the "hot lap". In this round, the driver with the fastest time wins. Of course, there are penalties in all three rounds for knocking down balls/cones. Complete rules and information can be found on the WNYCCA webpage: wnycca.org. If you haven't had the opportunity to compete in one of these events or even watch one, the next ECHO will be on September 17th in Lima, NY. Again, refer to the WNYCCA webpage for details. You do not need to be a WNYCCA member nor do need any special equipment with the exception of a good, safe vehicle, harness and hardhat.



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Submitted by Teresa Jackson

Title: "True Grit at Grand Oaks"

Four years ago, on a crisp February morning, I embarked on a solitary journey from New York to Florida. My faithful Morgan, Annie, rode in tow, alongside my trusty marathon carriage. In the backseat of my pick-up, an assortment of spices and cherished kitchen tools sat waiting in boxes, a nod to my culinary passion. This sojourn to Black Prong Equestrian Center was meant to be a month of remote work, leisurely drives through the Goethe Forest trails, and shared moments with friends under the warm Florida sun. Competing was but a distant thought, nothing that required the trappings of show attire.

Once in Florida, the itch to compete visited me. I entered a Continuous Drive put on by the Florida Whips Carriage Club. I had a particularly good dressage score for which I was pleased. My performance gave me the courage to enter the Grand Oaks Derby. "Just the Derby," I reasoned, dismissing the notion of facing the seasoned competitors in the CT or HDT. I told myself that a few laps in the covered arena at the Grand Oaks Derby would satisfy the showing itch for the season.

Days dwindled to hours, and the Grand Oaks Derby loomed ever closer. With a last-minute surge of audacity, days before the CT, a plan formed on a whim. I emailed the organizer, expressing my willingness to fill in any unlikely vacant slots for the CT. Alas, the reply never came, and I resigned myself to the fate I had envisaged. I would take part in the Derby alone, unburdened by the trappings of a formal CT competition. As the day dawned, my groom promised to meet me at 1 o'clock, just before our scheduled appearance in the Derby ring.

I arrived early at Grand Oaks, my heart pulsating with excitement. Leaving Annie to rest in the trailer, I made my way to the Secretary's office, trading stories and laughter with fellow equestrians along the way. There, at the check-in, I glanced at the roster, only to find my name listed not just for the Derby, but also for dressage and cones. Bewildered, I surmised that the organizer must have orchestrated this twist of fate and found room for me in the CT after all...a delightful secret I had not been privy to.

Panic surged. Could I pull off this trifecta? I needed attire, a groom, and assistance with unloading my cart. Time ticked away, leaving me a mere hour and a half before I was to enter the ring for the dressage phase. Here I was, with a chance to compete at one of the biggest shows on the 2019 Florida circuit! I decided right then I would try to make it all happen. I headed to the cones arena. Oh no! the classes had begun! I whipped open my exhibitor's packet and pulled out the cones map. I watched three people go through the course following along on the map. No more time to watch! I still had to walk the

Derby course because it would be closed by the time I got done with the CT. I was sick thinking how dirty my harness and cart were. I ran back to my trailer and a plea for help was answered by a benevolent soul, who assisted in unloading my cart and gave me show clothes. With 30 minutes to spare, I began the long trek from trailer area to the dressage ring, visualizing the test ahead as we walked quickly. The familiar tinkle of the bell sounded, and the Prelim POM 2 test unfolded in a blur. I hastened to the cones arena.

Fortune favored the bold; there was a delay. Positioned outside the ring, I watched as fellow competitors navigated the course. Oddly, they all seemed to struggle with cone 7. A quick study of the course map revealed the challenging angle from 6 to 7. With a timely BUUUUZZZZZ, it was our turn. Annie and I moved in tandem, a dance of precision. Left, then right, I could feel her response to the slightest rein pressure. Canter here, ease off there. Two oxers awaited, and we completed the course within the time, a mere two balls amiss but I had navigated 6 to 7 without error! Triumphantly, we returned to the trailer.

As the day waned, I received my dressage score. I knew my test wasn't stellar, but surely not that dismal? It seemed the judge had extended a measure of mercy for my dirty cart as 'neatness' was one of my higher scores. All memory of my spectacular feat, completing cones, was gone. As I left Grand Oaks, I carried with me a weight of embarrassment, the shadow of that dressage score looming large.

For years, this was where I left my tale. It languished, unfinished, the pages of this story unshared. Yet, as 2023 unfurled, I unearthed it anew. And here is the revelation: I had shed the weight of self-critique. I had matured emotionally. Acknowledging the sheer grit it took to face that day, I stood proud.

In competition, we willingly expose ourselves to potential scrutiny. For those of us fixated on achieving excellence, honing emotional fortitude is as crucial as perfecting our craft. Looking back, I now cherish the entire ordeal. Grateful for the chance to compete in such a prestigious event, the hidden orchestrations that landed me on that roster, the helping hands, and above all, for Annie, my steadfast companion who gave her all that special day.

Out and About

Submitted by Donna Sharkey

Pure Country Campground, New Berlin NY, was the setting Sept 23rd & 24th for an introduction to CDE, Jillian Gemmell clinician.

Day one, first a variety of topics were covered, including the history of driving, traditional dress, pleasure shows, safety harness fit and vehicles. This was followed by a lesson for participants, using their own equines.

Day two's topic was focused on the sport of Combined driving. The 3 phases, role of a navigator, rules and safety. Jillian and her assistant & navigator Jasmin Parsons provided a demonstration driving through a mock set up of cones, after which participants tried their hand at driving the cones with their own horse and vehicle.

New friends were made and a sense of camaraderie was evident as participants cheered and encouraged each other. Each day was capped by Jim, of Pure Country feeding us all, can we say delicious homemade chili on Sunday!





This years Raffle item, packed with so many goodies we're keeping it's contents a secretfor now !

Get you tickets ,contact any board member or look for them at any club event !

Still seeking Items to fill our Duffel Raffle !

Lucky Winner will be drawn at November Meeting

Its's also not too early to think of donations for our silent auction at Novembers meeting



Get yours ordered Today !



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Total \$ _____ Cash or check only, no Debit or Credit Cards

Item Name	ITEM	COST
Hoody	4997M	\$32.00
Long Sleeve T	PC61LS	\$20.00
Ladies T	LPC61	\$18.00
Regular T	PC61	\$18.00
V-Neck Ladies T	LPC450V	\$18.00
Crew Sweatshirt	4662M	\$25.00
Polo Men's	K8000	\$25.00
Polo Ladies	LK8000	\$25.00

Add \$3.00 for plus sizes

Item Name	ITEM	COLOR	XS	S	M	LRG	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Hoody	4997M									
Long Sleeve T	PC61LS									
Ladies T	LPC61									
Regular T	PC61									
V-Neck Ladies T	LPC450V									
Crew Sweatshirt	4662M									
Polo Men's	K8000									
Polo Ladies	LK8000									

Color Choice - Maroon or Navy

Logo Placement - F = front (large logo); B = back (large logo); or LC = left chest (small logo)
add F, B or LC in the color box

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Feel free to call 607.293.8087 or email mommadukes3089@gmail.com with questions

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Hitching Up



**\$3000. Bennington w/ backstep for navigator. Contact Kim Williams for details
kcd12@rocketmail.com**

A Note From the Editor

*I hope that you all received the new E mail address for the Club.
CVCAEditor@gmail.com*

*All Newsletters will be sent from this address the name should read "Cherry Valley" in your inbox. **Please use this address to submit articles or correspondence as well.***

Now, who likes to read the same old boring stuff?, not me

***PLEASE !, (pretty pretty please) send us
your submissions***

let us know what you have been up to in our "Out and About" section or if you are looking to sell or buy anything equine related in our "Hitching Up" section.

We also welcome submissions for the "Rainbow Bridge" for our departed companions.

*We'd love to hear what you have going on!
Don't be shy! send us your articles!*

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