

# THE DRIVING LINES



## CHERRY VALLEY CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION

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### 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

#### **Fall Pleasure Drives**

Sadoff/Davies trail prep Sat Sept 9th 11am

**Sadoff/Davies Saturday Sept 16th**

(rain date 9/17)

**Sears Family Saturday Oct 7th**

(rain date 10/8)



*Look for all the details below*

## President's Letter

Wow! August is nearly over; the NYS Fair is underway and schools will be starting soon! It is time to look ahead to many bug-free drives and cooler weather!

CVCA members joined the Lorenzo Driving Competition (LDC) board and staff for a combination picnic and work day on the grounds at Lorenzo on July 9th. We filled competitor packets with goodies, cleaned equipment used on the cones and obstacle courses, got a little wet and enjoyed lots of laughs! Work went quickly and with a threat of rain, we packed into South Cottage for a dish-to-pass lunch. Once again, our CVCA cooks did not disappoint!

CVCA members are the heart and soul of the LDC! Members were seen timing, scoring, scribing and gate keeping. Of course, many were also competing and helping fellow CVCA members get ready for the show ring and cheering from the rail. A huge shout out to the LDC board and show committee for another wonderful weekend of horses, carriages and fun competitors! A big shout out to Kim and Jay Williams for all their time in set up and take down of the CVCA booth as well as many hours manning the booth and promoting CVCA to interested visitors! And to Gloria Waro for not only manning the booth, but for supplying a selection of her tasty treats to share with vendors, competitors and all who stopped by!

The Sheffield Farm Pleasure Drive and Fun Day is fresh on our minds as it took place just a few days ago. A cooling breeze, a sunny sky and the perfect setting resulted in lots of happy drivers and horses! A near record turnout of drivers and a few out riders enjoying well marked trails, a fun and challenging obstacle course and plenty of opportunities for having fun! At least until the 'game warden' showed up and threatened to shut things down on reports of an out of season bear hunt! A huge thank you to our hosts, Sue and Jan Suwinski and event organizer extraordinaire, Judy Sobczak for an event folks will be talking about for months to come!

We have two more pleasure drives planned for September 16 and October 7. Full details on both drives are in this issue. See you there!

Our CVCA annual meeting will be our final event of 2023! The elegant and historic Lincklaen House in Cazenovia is once again the venue. We will enjoy a delicious brunch, lively silent auction and our annual meeting! Watch the October issue for more information and the reservation form.

Your board is putting together the 2024 events calendar with a mix of educational and fun events. Do you have suggestions for locations, topics or activities? Perhaps you are interested in helping plan an upcoming event. Let any member of the board know, extra hands and ideas are always welcome!

Until next month, hitch up and drive safely!

*Judy*

# *Sadoff /Davies Pleasure Drive*

*Saturday Sept 16, 2023 (rain date Sept 17)*

*\*Please note there is drive trail prep Sat. Sept. 9 about 11:00 AM @ 4209 Putnam Rd. So grab your pruning shears, rakes and such and come lend a hand*

*\*parking across road from 4187 Putnam Rd. (House under reconstruction)*

*\*arrival time - 10 ish, coffee & donuts (in memory of Terri Mather)*

*\*warm-up & departure along marked trail (approx 5 miles) 11 ish. Includes perimeters of crop fields, tractor lane, graded woodland stretch, possible wet spots (not deep)*

*\*different sections available for minis*

*\*arrows posted*

*\*completion 1 ish*

*\*water for horses not determined @ this time (house across the road is still undergoing reconstruction)*

*\*Port-a-Pottie in parking area*

*\*covered dish lunch @ leisure*

*\*electric outlets available*

*\*paper plates, plastic tableware, cold beverages, napkins provided. Remember utensil for your dish-to-pass*

*\*plan to eat & socialize*

*\*Do not hesitate to call w/questions*

*Kevin & Sonia Davies landline phone only 315 -655 -3298*

# **Sears Family Homestead Pleasure Drive**

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 and desserts provided by CVCA. No flat tires this year!



Our Hosts – Judy and Phoebe Sears



## **Schedule**

Welcome, coffee and donuts - 9:30 am

Drive at Will - 10 - Noon

Dish to Pass Picnic Lunch - 12:30 pm

Good-byes & Safe Drive Home - 2 pm



## LDC Workday and CVCA Summer Picnic July 9, 2023

*Submitted by Carol Ilacqua*

The old adage 'Many Hands Make Light Work' certainly rang true for this event! To all who stuffed, scrubbed, clipped, trimmed, swept, and polished, THANK YOU!

On Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> about 25 CVCA members joined forces with Lorenzo Driving Competition Committee members to help with the pre-show "grunt-work" that helps to make the show grounds sparkle.

This year, the CVCA crew cleaned the panels for a full-size driving dressage ring (that's 20 meters by 60 meters, folks! There were 160 meters (460 feet!) of rails plus the countless cones need to hold the rails. Also needing a good scrub were the panels for the Kids' Korral, assorted obstacles, and a dizzying number of orange driving and hazard cones. In addition to this scrub-a-dub soap-and-water task at the Maintenance Shed, CVCA members were also busy in South Cottage polishing trophies and stuffing the competitor swag bags. And organizing ALL the ribbons for the show. How many ribbons? Ribbons of ribbons. After this, it was on to the cleaning of the LDC show shed. Oh, and did I mention the trail trimming?

Throughout the morning, the Lorenzo State Historic Site staff were on hand to provide access and cleaning materials for us to use. The LSHS staff could not be more supportive of the show and look forward to the event every year. The LDC Board (and CVCA, the LDC's biggest fan club) is grateful to the LSHS staff for their help and enthusiasm.

After the morning's work, we all gathered around the big table in South Cottage and enjoyed a super yummy lunch of delicious treats. Pulled pork sandwiches, salads, cheeses, dips, fruit, cookies, ice cream sandwiches- you name it! It was on offer. The best part of it all was the laughter and conversation that took place across the table during the meal.

Rumor has it that there will be an LDC 2024 based on the very positive feedback that the show's organizers received from competitors and community members alike. Here's to the CVCA LDC Workday and Summer Picnic 2024!









## Lorenzo Driving Competition 2023- It's a Wrap!

*Submitted by Carol Buckhout and Carol Ilacqua*

This marked the 45<sup>th</sup> year that the Lorenzo Driving Competition was held at the Lorenzo State Historic Site as the weather cooperated and equine enthusiasts from all over Central New York enjoyed the spectacle of the show, from the picnic class on Friday evening to the Grand Champion drive off on Sunday afternoon. The Competition returned to its pre-COVID entry numbers (58) and debuted a new dressage ring in the Schoolhouse field.

Competitors began the weekend with a full day on Friday with dressage, cross country/cones and obstacles finishing the day with a Hats Off to Lorenzo celebration and the start of the Pleasure Show with the Antique Vehicle and Picnic classes. Friday's competitors raved about the new dressage ring's regulation size and it's smooth, level surface. For the entire show, competitors received up-to-the minute communication from the show Secretary and Manager via WhatsApp. In addition, to keep the competition running smoothly and efficiently, scores were posted quickly, and championships awarded at the end of classes. Many thanks go to the CVCA volunteers who spent hours cleaning and prepping for the show and to the many CVCA members who came out in force to compete. CVCA members also showed their generosity by sponsoring various classes and awards and volunteering at the show.

Pertinent CVCA Awards:

- CVCA Lady Champion, winner of the Pamela Braund Memorial Trophy: Kristen Gutosky
- CVCA Gentleman Champion: Dirk Young
- Robert Fisher Local Driver Memorial award: Jasmin Parsons
- Jack and Sue Voss Volunteer award: Marjie Wason Tormey
- High Point Morgan Horse, winner of the Lawrence Appley Memorial Trophy: Leigh Semilof
- Single Horse, 2-wheel champion and Single Horse Reserve Grand Champion: Kristen Gutosky
- Small Single Pony Champion and Single Pony Grand Champion: Sheila Mueller
- Drive and Ride class winners: Steve Simon and Eva English
- Lady to Drive on the Pleasure Drive, winner of the Jane Sadoff Memorial Trophy: Elisa Forysinski
- Judy Sears won Friday evening Hat Contest Best in Show Award (for a second year in a row!)
- Joanne Schoonmaker received the award for Ideal Time for the Friday Timed Country Drive, missing the ideal time by 1 second!
- Michael Roets, Lorenzo State Historic Site manager and his Boston Terrier, Millie, made their debut in the carriage dog class, placing 4<sup>th</sup> in a very competitive group of top dogs!



## **13th Annual Sheffield Farm Pleasure Drive and Fun Day:**

Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

Despite the up and down weather, and the anxious moments it caused for me in the 2 weeks leading up to Saturday August 19, 2023, and the CVCA event of the month: the Sheffield Farm pleasure drive and fun day, the day dawned beautiful and sunny! Yay for everyone in attendance!

This year had the second highest attendance numbers and hitches in the history of this event! There were 40 people in total and 21 hitches! Fantastic numbers! The event was only bested by the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Sheffield Farm Fun Day: 40 people and 22 hitches. This year, as invited guests from the riding stable down the road from Sheffield Farm, Kelvidan Farm, 3 riders also participated. Also in attendance were many non-CVCA members as invited guests as well. It was a wonderful mix of friends who enjoy spending time with their equine family members and their owners. The CVCA gained another new member, who joined so that she could participate at this event. A few of the non-members in attendance are considering joining the CVCA as well. Due to the fact that they enjoyed meeting and spending time with current CVCA members and were impressed with the event in general. So many successes all the way around for this event! To say that I was pleased with the entire day is an understatement! 13 was definitely a lucky number for the CVCA this year!

As is usual, the morning began with hot beverages and doughnuts, as well as conversation. Once pleasantries were finished, everyone headed to their trailers to begin hitching up to enjoy a pleasure drive course expertly marked out by Sheffield Farm owner, Jan Suwinski. 3 weeks prior to fun day, there was a huge wind event that happened along Sheffield Road. A barn just ¼ mile away from Sheffield Farm was flattened/destroyed. Fortunately, there was no damage to any buildings here at Sheffield Farm. But, there was quite a bit of damage in the woods, along many of the trails used for the pleasure drive. Many trees came down and oh, the tree trash! With the help of the crew here at Sheffield Farm, it took 4 hours on a Saturday to cut up and drag away from the trails all the downed trees. The pick-up of tree trash continued until the morning of the event. Despite some pretty muddy and soggy areas, that necessitated some trails to be by-passed and not used, everyone enjoyed a pleasure drive course the measured out to be 4 1/2 miles long.

Following the pleasure drive, everyone enjoyed a delicious dish to pass lunch. I've said this before and I'll say it again, CVCA members sure are great cooks! Once lunch was finished, a few games were played. Bobbi Beckhorn received a prize of a gremlin bell for being the first person to RSVP. The winner of the guess the number of gummy bears in the jar: Carol Ilacqua. And, finally, in keeping with the theme of the day, this year: "The Great North American Bear Hunt", a trivia game based on bear facts was played. Working as a team, Tricia Anselm and Diana Hildreth were the lucky winners! They received a book written by Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine head farrier, Steve Kraus. "The Hoof Book", a practical guide of hoof care for the everyday horse owner. Because the theme of the day was "bear hunting", along the pleasure drive course there were "placed" a variety of stuffed animals. The bear hunt game was won by Sharon Baum, who correctly guessed



that there were 20 bears out on the pleasure drive course. Also after lunch door prizes were drawn. There were many lucky winners of the various prizes generously donated.

Following lunch, a costume contest based on the day's theme was judged. The judges: Jan Suwinski and Joan Shaw had a very difficult time choosing a winner, as all were great costumes. After much discussion, the winner was Chris Morrison, (our new member!), who dressed as a game warden and "threatened" to "arrest" all in attendance for "illegally" hunting bears out of season. Chris won a 1 year subscription to Driving Digest magazine. Honorable mention in the costume contest: Lisa Teichert with Tucker and Bobbi Beckhorn with Blaze. Both received a bag of horse treats donated by Purina.

Once the costume contest was complete, those that wanted re-hitched in order to take part in the Bear Hunt scurry class. This year there were 3 divisions for the scurry class. The winners in each division were as follows: Canter, (any size equine): Beth Berwanger with Bug. Trot only, (horse and large pony): Tom Frechette with Snack and Walk/Trot only, (VSE and small pony): Sarah Reitz. There was much cheering and encouragement from "the crowd" and "friendly" competition amongst the competitors. We did have 1 other "special" division: Hand lead, walk/trot. The winner was Elly Mcguire with Larry. Since Larry is just beginning his career as a driving pony, he wasn't ready to be driven through the scurry course. All winners from each division were able to choose whatever prize they liked from the special prize table. These prizes included: synthetic buckle nose halters, a bucket of leather cleaning supplies, 2023 ADS rule books, and ADS drink bottles.

The day wouldn't have been the absolute success that it was without the help and teamwork involved to prepare Sheffield Farm for this event! It truly takes a village!

So many thanks go to the following people: Sheffield Farm owners: Jan and Sue Suwinski, for hosting this event. To Jan, Ryan, Jason and Easton: the tree cutting and trail clearing team extraordinaire! To Jan for his many hours on the tractor seat mowing the paths and marking the pleasure drive course. To Sue Sheffer, (who ended up not being able to attend) for helping me with game ideas and deciding on which cones course to use. To Joan Shaw for her expert cooking in preparing the Italian sausage, peppers and onions for the main meat dish at lunch. To Judy Sobczak, who planned and organized the day. Finally, thanks to all who attended! This event wouldn't have been the success it was without you participating!

I was very lucky that so many businesses and people generously donated items to be used as prizes. Thanks to the following for their donations: Katherine Wheeler from Dapple-Up equine shampoo, Ann Pringle at Driving Digest, Jack Alvarez, at Driving Essentials, Meghan Crout from Purina, Yonies Harness Shop, Stacy Carlson with the ADS, Steve Kraus, Northampton, and Saratoga driving clubs and Reagan at Ithaca Agway.

Stay tuned in July 2024 for the announcement of the theme for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Sheffield Farm pleasure drive and fun day! Yes, I already have chosen a theme!



Beth Berwanger & Bug



Sharon Baum, Lisa Teichert & Chris Morrison



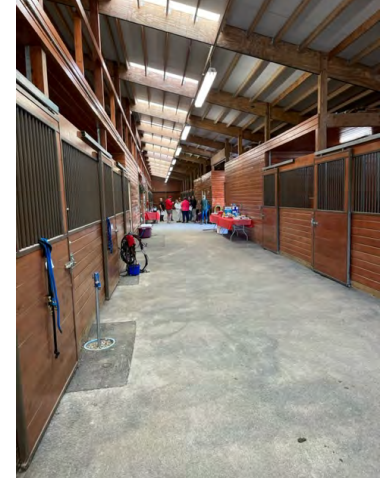
JoAnne Frenchette & Snack



"Ranger" Judy Sobczak , giving Paul Buck a "hard time"



Paul Buck , Amigo & Gracie



Interior Of Sheffield Farm



New Member Chris Morrison



Trailer Parking



Sharon Baum & Lisa Teichert



Costume Contest winner Chris Morrison

## 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](mailto: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](http://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 9/23) 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](mailto:jes41@cornell.edu)).

**Barneveld Horsemen's Association: (BHA) ([www.bhahorse.com](http://www.bhahorse.com))**

Sept. 23: Fun driving show

**Green Mountain Horse Association: (GMHA) ([www.gmhainc.org](http://www.gmhainc.org))**

September 22-24: Fall driving trial

**Western New York Combined Carriage Association: (WNYCCA) ([www.wnycca.org](http://www.wnycca.org))**

Oct. 15: Fall Trail Challenge

**ECHO:**

September 17, October 29

**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

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

## *Out and About*

August was a busy month for the Frechette's and their Haflingers, Bernie (Buzzette of BDBH) and Snack (B-Itakauva).

Without a doubt, the most rewarding events for us were those at the Children's Home of Wyoming Conference in Binghamton, NY. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Bernie and Snack were at to the children's home to give hundreds of children, parents and adults carriage rides during the homes annual ice cream social.

For most of these children, this was a rare opportunity to ride in carriage, so this was a huge thrill for them. For us, it's such a joy to see the smiles and hear the laughter from these children when they experience their first carriage ride, especially when the ponies trotted. Oh, how exciting for them !

Please realize that many of these kids come from very troubling situations ,so this was a very special day and event for all of us.

Bernie returned to the Children's Home on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, for the home's family fun day. On this day, Bernie had it easy. She came just so the kids could get up close to a horse, pet her and for some, groom her. Bernie loved it and was a great ambassador not only for her breed but for horses in general. Again, please realize, for many of these kids, this was the first time they were able to get up close to a horse and touch it. Another special day, indeed.



## *Out and About*

*This year Hannay Copper Penny "Penny" and I had our debut in the show ring! We competed and placed in 3 classes at Barneveld and 3 classes at Lorenzo for a very successful first show season.*

*We are very grateful to be a part of Cherry Valley and feel so welcomed, and eager to take part in various club activities*



*Pictured is New Member Samantha Gackenbach and Penny ,at Lorenzo*





*This years Raffle item, packed with so many goodies we're keeping it's contents a secret .....for 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*



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Polo Men's	K8000	\$25.00
Polo Ladies	LK8000	\$25.00

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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									

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# *Hitching Up*



**\$3000. Bennington w/ backstep for navigator. Contact Kim Williams for details  
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## ***A Note From the Editor***

*I hope that you all received the new E mail address for the Club.  
[CVCAEditor@gmail.com](mailto: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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