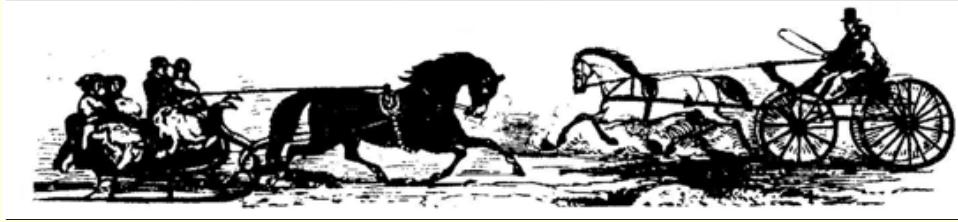


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CVCA Board Meetings are held monthly online – if you'd like a copy of the agenda or minutes, or if you'd like to log in to attend a meeting, contact any Board member for info. We'd love to see you at a meeting!

Look Whats Coming Up !

2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 22nd 11:30 am – 2 pm: General Membership Meeting dish to pass lunch and membership meeting, with Program by Paul Buck – CAA Trip to Portugal at Delphi Falls Fire Dept, Delphi Falls NY

April TBA Tour of Cornell University Large Animal Clinic **Cancelled**

May 10th 12th Annual Bruce Haak Memorial Drive, Chenango Valley State Park

May 16 – 18th: Tracey Morgan Clinic, Morrisville College Equine Rehabilitation Center

June 1st Crazy about Cones Flyhawk Farm, New Woodstock, NY
Cancelled

July 13th: Lorenzo Driving Competition Work-Day & Summer Picnic

July 18 - 20: Lorenzo Driving Competition, Cazenovia, NY

August 23rd Sheffield Farm Pleasure Drive and Fun Day, Ithaca

September 20th: Sadoff Davies Pleasure Drive, Nelson (rain date 9/21)

October 4th: Sears Family Homestead Pleasure Drive, Cazenovia (rain date 10/5)

November 1st: Annual General Membership Meeting, Orchard Vali, Lafayette

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July 13th Work Day picnic

July 18-20 Driving Competition



Sheffield Farm Fun day

August 23rd Ithaca NY

Keep reading for all the details !

Presidents Letter July 2025

Dear CVCA members,

Well, the weather certainly has impacted my driving options for this year so far. We survived the second tornado we have had since we moved here in 2016. This time it took a very large tree out. Luckily it didn't hit any buildings or livestock but scary none the less.

I was lucky to join the other CVCA drivers at the Tracey Morgan Clinic and I think it was successful for all. I know my pony and I learned a lot! Thank you to all the volunteers who worked hard to make this happen. It was a well-organized event and no one left hungry!!

Next up is our CVCA work day and picnic at the Lorenzo grounds. Every year we gather to assist in the preparation for the Lorenzo Driving Competition. Come enjoy the picnic with a dish to pass and enjoy the company of other CVCA members. I hope to see you all there.

Check out the schedule of events in this newsletter, there is something for everyone. As always if you have suggestions for an event feel free to reach out to me or any board member.

Drive on,

Kim



SUMMER PICNIC



CVCA Summer Picnic Sunday, July 13, 2025 Picnic: 12:00 PM

Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia, New York

**Join us on Sunday, July 13th at the Lorenzo Historic Site for the
Annual CVCA Summer picnic!**

Lunch at the picnic tables or inside South Cottage, depending on weather.

RSVP by July 11th to: Carol Ilacqua at carol.ilacqua@gmail.com

Bring a dish to pass- CVCA will provide cold drinks and paper products.

An Optional Work Party is set to begin at South Cottage at 9:30

where we'll divide into two groups – one to work at South Cottage (competitors' swag bags, polishing trophies) and one to work at the Maintenance Shed (cleaning obstacles, cones, and the dressage ring). This year for members cleaning the ring items: Sawhorses and tables will be used to elevate items to waist height for cleaning. All help greatly appreciated by the LDC.





The 13th annual Sheffield Farm Pleasure Drive and Fun Day will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Jan & Sue Suwinski's Sheffield Farm Sheffield Road, Ithaca NY. This year's theme—THE ABC'S OF DRIVING.



The day will begin at 9AM with check-in and coffee and donuts at the barn. Afterwards, drivers may depart once they are ready on the beautiful off road 5-6 mile drive.



Lunch will be served at approximately noon with meat provided by the club. Bring a dish to pass. Following lunch, the games begin with trivia and there be prizes to win.



Next, costume judging will take place in front of the barn. Costumes should be based on the theme of the day. Everyone is encouraged to enter, no equine needed.



Timed events round out the day on the Suwinski's rear yard. Special prizes will be awarded for the best (or worst) times. No experience required.



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judy.carriagedriver1@gmail.com or 607-220-7955

Tracey Morgan Returns for Another Great Weekend of Learning



True to form, it was another weekend at Morrisville College Rehab Center that included sun, heat, torrential downpours and a lot of wonderful instruction from Tracey Morgan!

Friday morning, started warm and overcast before the thunder rolled, skies opened up and lightning danced in the sky. It left as quick as it came and we had a full day of driving, learning and CVCA friends helping and supporting friends. A winning combination!

Wendy Soucy, CVCA member and Triple Crown Feed Representative was on hand to answer questions about feed selection and nutrition based on your hay and your horse's needs. Wendy also provided samples and the best lip balm to be found!

We shared stabling with Morrisville's huge Belgian geldings. Notice our club president Kim Williams pictured above with one of the gentle the Gentle Giants. Scott Seymour and the wonderful group of hard-working interns were fabulous hosts making sure the arena was dragged and packed, the stalls were bedded and everyone was comfortable in and out of the ring!

Saturday and Sunday continued with full days of lessons and lunchtime learning including information on equine physiology, USEF and USET as well as more on the importance of equine health.

Saturday evening's potluck dinner featuring a wide selection of dishes accompanied by fun, friends and an opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket for a \$100 gift certificate to IVC Harness and Carriage. We were joined by three Morrisville Summer interns; two will be spending the summer with the draft horse hitch training and showing them at competitions across the northeast and Midwest US.

The third is working in the rehab unit working with all breeds of horses coming in for rehab and conditioning. They shared about their summer internships and plans in the equine industry beyond their time at Morrisville. If the enthusiasm shared by these young people is any indication the future of the equine industry is bright!



Thanks to all participants as well as Kathy Pratt and Jim and Joanne Schoonmaker for being on hand and knowing when to offer assistance help to ensure everyone was safe, on schedule and well fed! As well as all who helped keep thing neat and tidy, the coffee hot and the drinks cold and the snacks available! Thanks also to our own Jay Williams and Jim Schoonmaker for capturing these images of the weekend!

The 12th Annual Bruce Haak Memorial Drive at Chenango Valley State Park

With some plain good luck May 10th was the only dry Saturday in May. What a wonderful way to remember our friend and fellow carriage driver Bruce Haak.

At 10am 14 of us gathered for some hot coffee and donuts along with some other yummy snacks before hitching up.

Once the 7 single hitches and a pair of ponies were all hitched up we all set out for a lovely drive through out the park.

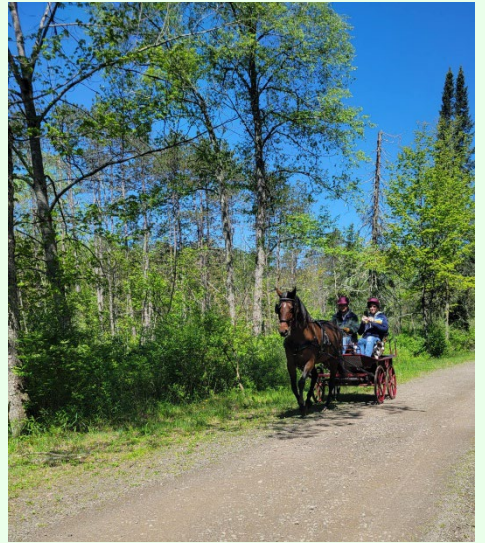
When we all made it back from our drive around the park we sat down to enjoy our lunches and good conversation. Even thou it was bring your own lunch we all know how us carriage drivers love to eat so there was also some delicious dishes to pass that we all enjoyed.

I would like to say Thank You to Tom, Joanne, Sharon, Judy, Peg, Melody, John, Jackie, Jamie, Danta, David, Don and Josh for coming for very nice day in Remembrance of our friend Bruce Haak.

Lisa Teichert

(while it was such a lovely day I managed to not take one single photo, so credits for pictures go to Sharon, Peg and Judy)





2025 CARRIAGE DRIVING EVENTS:

July		
July 18-20	Lorenzo Driving Competition Lorenzo Historical Site Cazenovia, NY	Lorenzo Driving Competition FMI: www.lorenzodriving.org
July 25-27	Avon Driving Park Pleasure Driving Show Avon Driving Park Avon, NY	Western NY Combined Carriage Association FMI: www.wnycca.org
August		
August 7-10	Orleton Farm Pleasure Driving Show/CT/DT/D'Attelage de Tradition Orleton Farm Stockbridge, Massachusetts	Colonial Carriage & Driving Society FMI: www.colonialcarriage.org
August 21-24	GMHA Summer CDE & CT South Woodstock, VT	Green Mountain Horse Association FMI: www.gmhainc.org
September		
Sept. 5-7	Villa Louis Carriage Classic Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin	Villa Louis Carriage Classic Foundation FMI: www.carriageclassic.com
	GVRDC CT & DT Hideaway Farm Roots Tavern Rd. Geneseo, NY	Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club FMI: tricia.dognpony@gmail.com *OR* www.gvrdc.org
Sept 19-21	GMHA Fall CT, AT & Derby South Woodstock, VT	Green Mountain Horse Association FMI: www.gmhainc.org
October		
Oct12	Fall Trail Challenge Raspberry Hill Farm 1515 Salt Rd Penfield NY	Western New York Combined Carriage Association FYI: www.wnycca.org

** This is only a partial list of 2025 driving events. More to be included in later issues of TDL **

If you have any additions, or corrections, please let me know at: Judy.carriagedriver1@gmail.com

CVCA Members Out & About

Road-tripping to TRYON !

Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

At the end of April 2025, myself, along with another CVCA member, Deb Marcuccilli, took a “road trip” to Mill Spring, N.C. to the famous Tryon International Equestrian Center, (TIEC). Deb was entered as a competitor in the 2025 Katydid CDE. I went along to help Deb and to “experience” TIEC. I had also signed up to volunteer during the competition. With my strong belief and desire to volunteer, since I was there, and knowing that any equine related competition always needs volunteers, I decided why not? My volunteer experience was awesome! (More on that later!)

I don't know of any CVCA members that have ever had the chance to compete or even just “visit” TIEC. As I was told by another horsey friend, going to TIEC is a must see to believe! She was absolutely right! Wow! Located approximately 10 miles from the nearest town. It is basically in the middle of nowhere! The place is designed to function as its own village/town. There are 1- and 2-bedroom cabins near the front entrance of the complex. 3–5-bedroom cabins located in the back corner of the property. A brand-new hotel with a couple of restaurants is located close to the largest indoor arena that I've ever seen! There is also an area for those people wishing to bring campers and RVs. Further into the center of the complex are various specialty shops and boutiques. A “department style” store where one can buy anything with the Tryon name on it. T-shirts, sweatshirts, baseball caps, etc. As well as other articles of clothing, boots...you get the picture. Across the parking lot is the General Store. Food, drink and other things can be purchased there. In this building there was a Starbucks coffee shop. Which became my daily morning must stop for my newly discovered favorite coffee drink.... Latte! A great way to start the day!

Also located nearby to the General Store, are more restaurants, an old-fashioned diner, and an event space and a place to enjoy “adult” beverages. On site, there are at least 10 huge barns for stabling. Numerous outdoor warm-up rings as well as competition rings. There is a main outdoor coliseum, where stadium jumping events are held. A cross-country jumping course. Alongside which, the permanent driving obstacles are set.

Just a bit of history about TIEC: The site was built in 2015, in anticipation for the World Equestrian Games that were going to be held on site in 2018. 2025 is the sites 10th anniversary. It really is quite the spectacular place! There seems to be always some type of equine event going on. While we were there, the CDE was the only equine competition happening. Though, there were a few hunter/jumper groups there schooling, in preparation for an upcoming show.

For anyone unfamiliar with what a CDE is, here is a brief description: driving events over a 3-day period. Day 1: Driven Dressage. Day 2: Cross Country Obstacles. (Oh! The obstacles at Tryon!) Day 3: Cones

As far as my volunteering “assignment”: I was 1 of 4 people scribing for Friday’s driven dressage. Having never scribed before, I was a bit anxious if I would be up to the task. I’m happy to report that my volunteering experience, and specifically scribing for dressage was an absolute awesome experience!! I scribed for Marcie Quist, well known national and international, ADS and FEI driving official and judge, as well as Chef d’equip for many USA world teams. I learned so much from Marcie! My head was filled to capacity with her comments and suggestions. Wow! Just wow!

Now, to talk about Deb Marcuccilli's competition! Because that is why I was at Tryon!

Deb was competing in the Para division, single pony, with her wonder pony, DuraMax! Of course, in the days leading up to the start of competition, there was rain!! Ugh! I guess that we, here in the northeast weren't immune to rainy weather! All the rain caused/created very challenging conditions for the course designers as well as for all the competitors. The challenge was specifically with the cross-country course. There was mud! Lots of mud! And, standing water in and around a few of the obstacles. For 2 different obstacles, they were designed to have standing water within the obstacle. Even with a couple days of sunshine, wind and warm temperatures, adjustments needed to be made. A couple of obstacles were deemed not safe to be driven and the course re-routed, with time adjustments made. Trust me, even with a couple of obstacles removed, the remaining obstacles were very challenging! And crazy! The driving that I witnessed from all competitors was awesome! Especially jaw-dropping was watching the one 4-in-hand team navigating through the obstacles! Again...wow! Just wow!

Day 1 was driven dressage. Deb's driven dressage went well. (Though, I know she would differ with me on this.) Day 2 was cross-country. Her driving on the cross-country course was beyond impressive. Another wow from me! Since I had a golf cart to use, I zipped over and around the cross-country course to make it to watch most her of obstacle runs. The 3rd and final day of competition was the very impressive and challenging cones course. The cones course was set-up in the main outdoor coliseum. Course designer Marc Johnson certainly wanted to challenge all the drivers! He held nothing back in creating the course! Big sweeping turns, as well as challenging tighter turns. Cone sets tight together. Others spaced with a lot of distance between them. Serpentine. Many changes of rein. Once again, Deb, after carefully walking the course multiple times planning the best course for her and Max, had an awesome drive. Yay! Competition complete! Now, to wait for the final results! The final result for Deb and Max: First place in the Para driving division! Congrats!! Well done!

In conclusion: I had the best time experiencing Tryon and the Katydid CDE competition! My thanks to Deb for inviting me along. A trip that will certainly be remembered! In fact, a return trip being planned for September!

Stay tuned for more driving adventures with Deb and Max. With Judy along for the experience!



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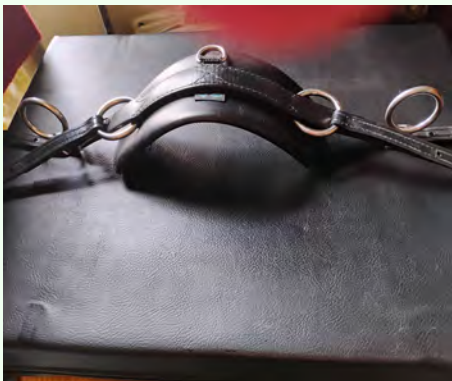
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