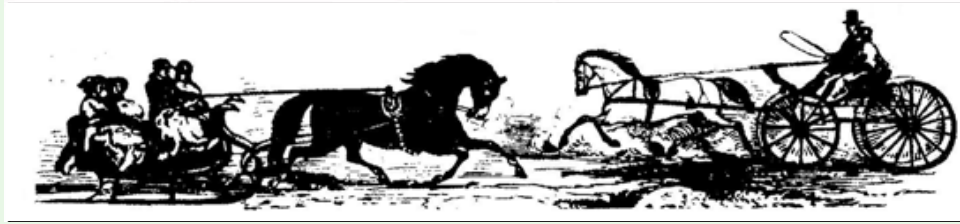


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CVCA Board Meetings are held monthly online – if you'd like a copy of the agenda or minutes, or if you'd like to log in to attend a meeting, contact any Board member for info. We'd love to see you at a meeting!

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 **Date change**

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, Location TBA

Upcoming Events

March 22nd, 2025

General Membership meeting

Delphi Falls Fire Dept

2260 Oran Delphi Rd, Delphi Falls, NY 13051

with special Presentation from Paul Buck

May 10th ,2025

Bruce Haak Memorial Drive

Chenango Valley State Park

153 State Park Rd, Chenango Forks, NY 13746

Keep reading for more information !



March 2025

Presidents Letter

Hello all! Hopefully you are getting shoveled out from the latest round of storms. My sincerest thoughts and well wishes go out to everyone who has had a loss due to the heavy snow load. Up my way and northern Oneida County suffered many losses due to barn roofs falling in under the weight of the snow and ice. Here at our farm, we had a few days where unhappy ponies spent all day indoors with frozen doors buried in ice and snow. When you are a 36-inch mini it's not easy to get out in 3 feet of snow with a layer of ice. Fortunately, we were able to have someone come make paths for the ponies who spent the day bucking and running with joy at their freedom from confinement.

We had some interesting webinars to enjoy while waiting out the weather. One sad note was the cancellation of the Cornell tour due to it being the Vet school open house. This well attended event is open to the public should you wish to join in but it was decided it would not be a good day for our group to tour. The Open house is on April 5th and information is available on the Cornell website. Or here: [Contact the Office of Student and Academic Services](#)
Phone: 607-253-3700
Email: vetsas@cornell.edu

The "Crazy about Cones" event at Kathy Pratt's Flyhawk farm in New Woodstock was changed as well. It is now planned for June 1st. Please see the events calendar for full details for our exciting events this year.

Please get your dues into our treasurer as soon as possible so you will remain on our email list. Membership forms can be found on the CVCA website. I do have to apologize for not always getting the CAA Spokesperson out as timely as I would like. Apparently, my email becomes unsubscribed, this has happened twice requiring a call to CAA to resubscribe myself. Ah technology!

Coming up is our March Membership Meeting at The Delphi Falls Fire Department. This is a dish to pass lunch and will feature Paul Buck reporting on his trip to Portugal with the CAA. This should be a fun event and a great opportunity to get out and see other CVCA members. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Kim

CVCA March Membership Meeting

Date: March 22, 2024

Time: 11:30 am – 2 pm

Location: ***Delphi Falls Fire Dept***

2260 Oran Delphi Road, Delphi Falls, NY 13104

We will enjoy a dish to pass lunch. Paper products and beverages will be provided.

Our very own Paul Buck will share his experiences when he traveled with the Carriage Association of America last October to visit various carriage collections as well as attending the Concours International de Attelage Tradition.

A brief membership meeting will wrap up the day!



Come for the food, stay for the fun!

A Night at Home...Talking harness with Myrna Rhinehart

Thursday evening, February 20th, found several of us CVCA members and a few guests, dreaming of the glorious good driving weather that is ever so slowly making its way towards us. CVCA hosted Myrna Rhinehart, of IVC Carriage, for an excellent presentation of Harness Selection and Maintenance. Myrna's slides and wealth of information illustrated her dedication to insuring proper fit and care for a harness. She skillfully took us through the options currently available to us, with a firm conviction that we purchase the best quality harness we can afford at the time, and take good care of it. She pointed out the pros and cons of leather and synthetic – usually it come down to personal preference as to how much time WE want to put into the care. Little details such as box keepers versus open keepers and tongue buckles versus Conway buckles were discussed. Safety of the harness, old or new, and comfort for the horse were strongly emphasized. She compared a poorly fitted browband to having to wear uncomfortable shoes that don't fit – no matter how one tries to deal with it, a bad pair of shoes just hurt with every step!

Myrna walked us through the proper measurements needed to ensure a great harness fit for our equine partner. She stressed the use of the middle hole – a good harness fit will have the harness piece buckled at the middle hole with a hole or two above and below to go larger or smaller as our ponies change. Trimming the ends of the strap make for a tidy looking harness and won't catch the reins. It really is the little things that make the difference.

Myrna offers several insightful and educational articles on the IVC website. They are free for the browsing. Please check them out. Myrna wrapped up her presentation with an opportunity to ask questions – many of us took advantage of her depth of knowledge. I know I have a far better idea of what I will be doing for my future harness. Our CVCA raffle will be a one hundred dollar gift certificate to IVC. Tickets will be available starting at the March Membership Meeting. I plan to buy several – I will put that gift certificate towards the purchase of a custom leather harness that will last beyond my lifetime!

Gloria Waro

12TH Annual Bruce Haak Memorial Drive
Saturday, May 10th,
At Chenango Valley State Park
153 State Park Road
Chenango Forks, NY 13746
(Arrival time is at 10am)



Bruce was one of the organizers of this event and a dear friend to many.

Everyone that knew him knew his love of coffee and enjoyed a nice drive with all his friends.

Come and join us for morning coffee and morning snacks before we head out for a lovely drive through the Park.

After the drive we will have lunch around 1pm. Lunch may be a dish to pass or at the Fire & Ice sports bar and Grill that's at the Parks golf course. Details are still being work out on which it will be.



Please RSVP to Lisa Teichert at
Lteichert3@gmail.com or 607-345-5009



Passing of Joyce Fisher CVCA Charter Member

Joyce B. Fisher, 95, of Cazenovia, died on January 22, 2025 at her home surrounded by family. She was a life-long resident of the Central New York area. She was the only child of Geoffrey M. Brown and Elsie Folsom Brown. Joyce was born in 1929 in Syracuse and graduated from Fayetteville High School in 1947, serving as the yearbook editor for that year. She then attended and graduated from the Maxwell School of Citizenship at Syracuse University.

While in college, she devoted many years of service to helping the University's foreign students adjust to their new lives in the USA and she formed relationships with many of them that lasted all her life. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She spent many hours dancing to the big bands of the era at the Hotel Syracuse. Ballroom dancing was one of her passions for the rest of her life, too.

While at Syracuse, she met her future husband, Tom Vickers from Newcastle, England. They were married in 1957. Joyce was initially employed by the Syracuse Savings Bank and then the Manlius Military School – both places she admired and loved working for. After her marriage, she became a stay-at-home mother for her two small boys (Geoffrey and David).

After Tom's unexpected death in 1970, Joyce relied on her parents to help raise her sons until she remarried in 1974 to Robert H. Fisher. They bought a small farm in the Town of Nelson where she resided until her death.

Beginning in 1974, she converted her life-long passion of dressage and teaching into a more formal career. Over the next 45 years, she would influence scores of students in equitation and more profoundly, in their lives. Many of these students became life-long friends. She is survived by her son, Geoffrey and daughter-in law Sarah, and by her son David. She is also survived by her two grandchildren, Evan Vickers of New Hampshire and Andrea (Tyler) Massey of Kentucky.

In lieu of flowers, people can make a donation in her name to the American Farm Land Trust, the Cherry Valley Carriage Association of Central New York, or the Clear Path for Veterans.

Cherry Valley Carriage Association presents

Tracey Morgan CLINIC

Sponsored by USEF and Triple Crown Nutrition

May 16, 17 & 18, 2025

Morrisville College Equine Rehabilitation Center, Route 20, Morrisville NY 13408



Tracey Morgan of Beallsville, MD is a coach, trainer, international competitor and 'R' ADS judge. She was USEF National Pony Pair Champion every year from 2002- 2009 and 2015 USEF National Champion Single Pony, and competed in eventing and ridden dressage prior to her success in carriage driving.

Each lesson will last 45 minutes and will be tailored to the wishes of the participant.

Singles and pairs - drivers and riders are welcome.

C.V.C.A. members are given priority

Registration now open

45-minute lessons at \$100 per lesson for CVCA Members

45-minute lessons at \$150 per lesson for Non-members

Stalls are \$65 for weekend (bring your own feed, bedding provided)

Auditors: Welcome; Members – Free, Guests \$10/day

Helmets required when seated in vehicle or mounted

Tracey Morgan Clinic Registration

Hosted by Cherry Valley Carriage Assn. at Morrisville College Rehab Center

May 16, 17 & 18, 2025

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PREFERRED PHONE : _____ EMAIL: _____

☐ I'd like a lesson with my horse/pony for: ☐ 1 session ☐ 2 sessions ☐ 3 sessions

Indicate Preference (1st, 2nd or both): ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday

CVCA Members- No. of sessions _____ X \$100 per session = \$ _____
LESSON FEE

Non-CVCA Members- No. of sessions _____ X \$150 per session = \$ _____
LESSON FEE

☐ **STALL(s): YES / NO** (you clean stalls & provide all feed (bedding provided); strip stall upon departure; please bring your own stall cleaning utensils. Stalls open at 3 p.m. on Thursday; Facilities close at 10 p.m.)

If yes, please indicate:

Thur # of stalls: ____ + Fri # of stalls: ____ + Sat # of stalls: ____ + Sun # of stalls: ____

\$65 = \$ _____
STALL FEE

☐ **DONATION to CVCA (optional)** \$ _____
DONATION

Should you have to cancel, we will gladly refund your registration fee(s) if we are able to fill the slot(s)

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT

Tracey Morgan Clinic Registration

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May 16, 17 & 18, 2025

If you are bringing a horse(s) to the clinic, please submit this page for each turnout along with registration page above.

Driver/Rider NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PREFERRED PHONE : _____ EMAIL: _____

GROOM'S NAME: _____

I will participate as (check all that apply):

☐ Driving Single ☐ Driving Pair ☐ Rider ☐ Long-lining

HORSE'S NAME(s): _____ HORSE'S AGE: _____

HORSE'S BREED: _____ HORSE'S SIZE: _____

HORSE'S EXPERIENCE LEVEL: _____

What would you like to work on? *(Please be specific; Tracey wants to help you achieve your goals and needs to know what they are!)*

**FOR EACH HORSE, PLEASE ENCLOSE COPIES OF CURRENT RABIES
VACCINATION PLUS CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS WITH PAYMENT
AND REGISTRATION FORM(S)**

Note: OUT OF STATE HORSES MUST HAVE CURRENT CVI

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
CHERRY VALLEY CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION**

**MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION and CHECK FOR THE FULL AMOUNT and
COPIES OF CURRENT RABIES AND NEGATIVE COGGINS AND CVI (CVI FOR OUT-OF-STATE
HORSES ONLY) TO:**

Judy Cary
3877 W. Milestrip Road
Canastota, NY 13032

Questions? Contact Judy at 315-247-5884 or email at hhep@citlink.net

2025 CARRIAGE DRIVING EVENTS:

March		
Mar. 21-22	Gloria Austin Carriage Collection Estate Sale. Weirsdale, Florida	Martin Auctioneers. FMI: www.martinauctioneers.com
April		
April 25	Martins Spring Carriage Auction Lebanon Fairgrounds Expo Center Lebanon, Pa	Martin Auctioneers FMI: www.martinauctioneers.com
May		
May 10-11	GMHA Spring CT & AT South Woodstock, VT	Green Mountain Horse Association FMI: eeewls@gmail.com
May 16-18	Tracey Morgan Driving Clinic Morrisville Equine Rehab Center	Cherry Valley Carriage Association FMI: www.cherryvalleycarriage.com
May 24	CT Avon Driving Park Avon, NY	Western NY Combined Carriage Association FMI: www.wnycca.org
May 25	ECHO: Equine Cones Hazards Obstacles Avon Driving Park Avon, NY	Western NY Combined Carriage Association FMI: www.wnycca.org
June		
June 8	ECHO Avon Driving Park Avon, NY	Western NY Combined Carriage Association FMI: www.wnycca.org
June 14	Crazy About Cones Clinic Flyhawk Farm New Woodstock, NY	Cherry Valley Carriage Association FMI: www.cherryvalleycarriage.com
June 22	NDS Pleasure Driving Show Silver Shoe Farm, Batavia, NY	Northampton Driving Society FMI: www.northamptondrivingociety.org
June 28-29	Driving Clinic with Sara Schmitt Green Meads Farm, Massachusetts	Saratoga Driving Association FMI: www.saratogadriving.com
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
July 25-27	The Great Lakes Carriage Classic Ancaster Fairgrounds Jerseyville, ON, Canada	The Great Lakes Carriage Classic FMI: jean@glcc.ca

**** 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

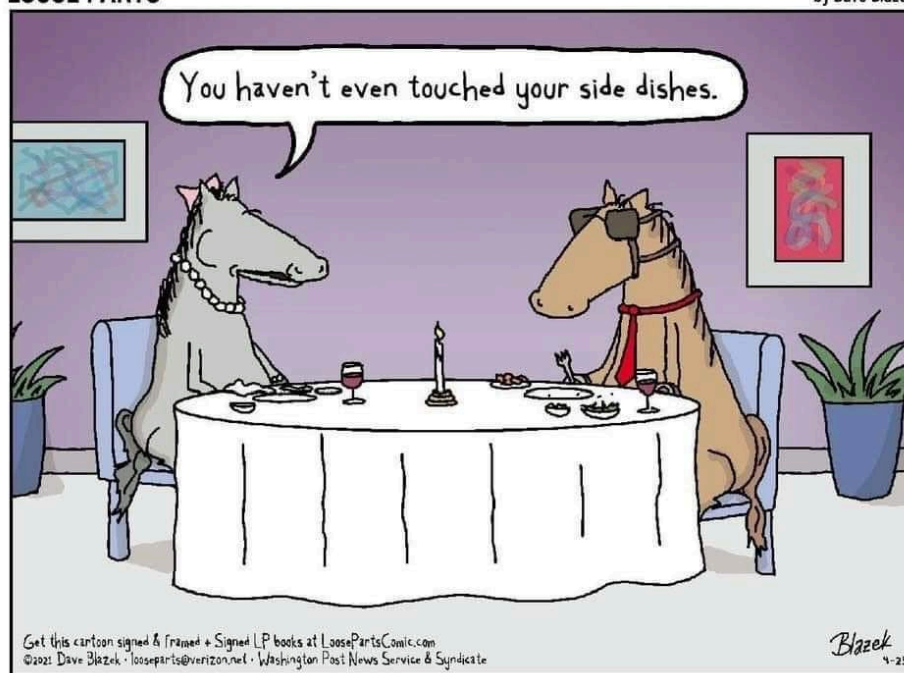


New York State Horse Council

I want to put a plug in for the New York State Horse Council. Cherry Valley is a member of this organization. If you are not an individual member, please consider joining this organization. If you are not familiar with the NYSHC, visit their website at <https://nyshc.org>. While there, look under the "About" section and read up on the history of the horse council. Take a look at the "Resources" section and also the "Trails" section. And while you're on the website, also look at the "Awards" section. You will notice that there is a Ride & Drive Program. Similar to the ADS Hours to Drive program, you keep track of the hours you drive (or ride) and at various milestones, you will receive a patch and even, perhaps, an award. If you are interested in this program, the registration fee is being waived this year, so now is the time to register and get started keeping track of how much time you spend riding and driving. Registration and log forms can be found on the website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, JoAnne Frechette, at either jfrechette@stny.rr.com or ride.drive@nyshc.org.

LOOSE PARTS

by Dave Blazek



CVCA MEMEBERS OUT AND ABOUT

Judy Sobczak and Queen Mab, her trusty, yet opinionated chestnut mare was recently recognized by the ADS for reaching their 500 Hours to Drive milestone.

Despite not showing in pleasure driving shows, and only competing in the WNYCCA sponsored ECHOs in 2024, as well as just driving for the pure pleasure of it, here at the beautiful Sheffield Farm, we managed to reach this milestone. Now, the next goal in sight: achieving our 750-hour milestone!

The ADS, in 2024 set up another program: volunteer hours. We all know how invaluable volunteers are to the smooth running of any driving event.

Since 2024 was my year to volunteer, I decided to start keeping track of my volunteer hours at ADS events, or at events that were sponsored by ADS member driving clubs.

In 2024, I tabulated 36 volunteer hours. A good start on reaching the 100-hour milestone! I would highly recommend all CVCA members consider volunteering at any driving event. The rewards are great, and you would be doing good. You won't ever regret volunteering!

Judy Sobczak and Queen Mab were recently recognized at the recent WNYCCA 2024 awards banquet. We received the reserve champion award in the horse walk/trot division of the ECHO series. We ended up being tied with fellow CVCA member Teresa Jackson and her horse, Echo.



Judy Sobczak and Queen Mab



Teresa Jackson and SBF Ebony's Echo

Hitching -UP

Driving Equipment for Sale:

For sale small donkey/pony harness and cart.

\$500.00

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call Tacie 315-730-4103

Ithaca Area

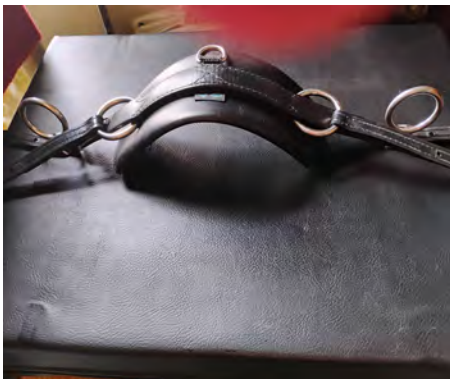
1905 Walborn and Riker back to back pony Wicker Trap. Shown as a single or with a pair.

Show ready! Asking \$5,500. (585)820-9568 or dee.mccartney7@gmail.com



Zilco adjustable terret neck strap Med. Pony size, \$20. plus shipping

Patty Fulkerson 585-330-1706 justahorse1@gmail.com



Hitching -UP

***2012 Featherlight aluminum 12 ft bumper pull stock trailer
center divider, metal floor with rubber mats, swing out rear gate with
integrated small slider. One owner used less than 1000 miles ,
stored indoors when not in use . Was Used to haul 46" pony and steel
cart. \$10,500***

Contact Judy Bennett 607-334-5912 or olinbennett65@gmail.com



2025 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership runs December 1 to November 30



Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please note!

If you do not want your address or contact info listed in the membership directory, please indicate that on this form below in "Contact Info Restriction."

Thanks!

Membership Type: ☐ Single - \$25.00

☐ Family - \$35.00 (includes all children under age 22 who
reside with parents)

Donation (optional) _____

Contact Information Restriction (optional):

☐ I do not want my contact information in the Directory. I
understand that CVCA Board members will have access to my
contact information.

Please make checks payable to **CVCA**

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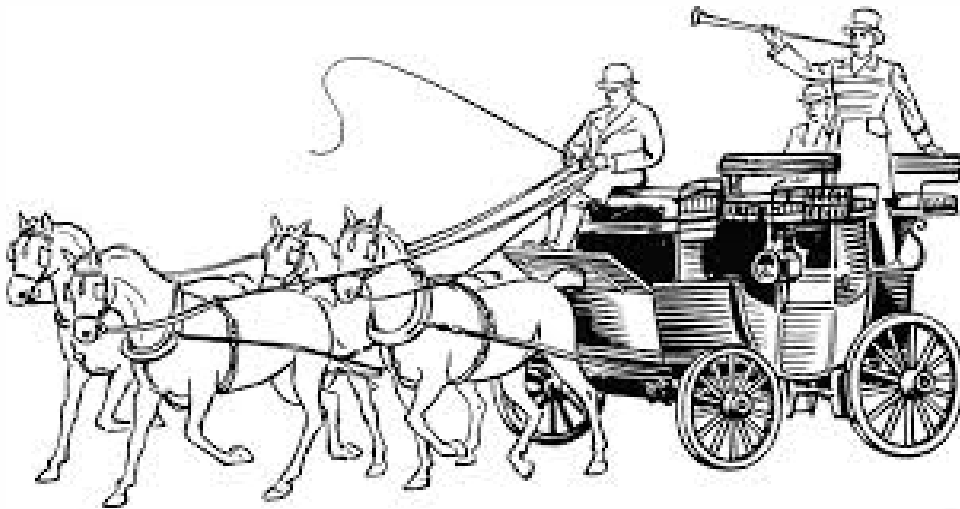
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