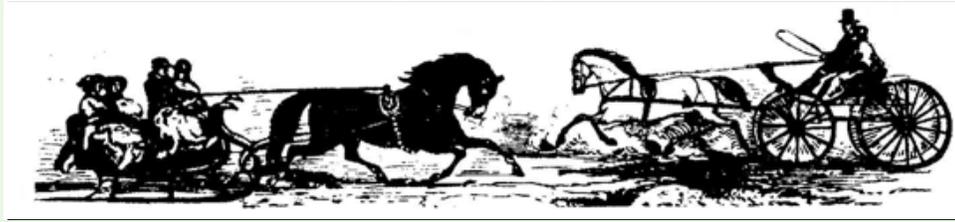


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CVCA Board Meetings are held monthly online – if you'd like a copy of the agenda or minutes, or if you'd like to log in to attend a meeting, contact any Board member for info. We'd love to see you at a meeting!

2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 16th 7:00 pm: Webinar: guest speaker, John Stallard, CAA - What's Ahead

February 6th 7:00 pm: Webinar: guest speaker, Myrna Rhinehart, Harness Selection and fit

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

May 10th 12th Annual Bruce Haak Memorial

Drive, Chenango Valley State Park

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

June 14th Crazy about Cones Flyhawk Farm, New Woodstock, NY

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 8th* Annual General Membership Meeting,

Location TBA *corrected date

Upcoming Events

Webinar : Traditional Day of Driving

Guest Speaker : John Stallard

Thursday Jan 16th 7pm-8pm

All the details in this edition !

Feb 6th Webinar : Harness selection and fit

Guest Speaker Myrna Rhinehart
(more details to come)



John Stallard

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings from your new CVCA President. I can be reached at kcd12@rocketmail.com. I welcome helpful and constructive comments regard the club and our activities. Complaints can be directed to your local hairdresser, bartender or farrier LOL.

I am a relatively new member of the CVCA and my husband, Jay, and I have been serving on the board for the last four years. I am a lifetime horse owner. We live on a small farm in Clinton that is home to eight equines, six chickens, two rabbits, two hounds and two cats. Most of my horses are retired and are in the 25-to-34-year age range. Our driving ponies are "youngsters" on the farm and are in training doing driven dressage and pleasure/trail driving.

If you attend the membership meeting in November you may remember a lively discussion about "day memberships" for our events. As it was explained to us our by our insurance agent, there are to be no day memberships for any CVCA events. Nonmembers are not permitted to ride or drive in our events. The agent also reminded us that any dog related incidents are not covered and are the responsibility of the dog owner. We are allowed up to 500 spectators, however, participants need to become members. Luckily our membership is still only \$25 per person.

Rutgers University is offering webinars on Farm management:

2/11 6:30-8:30 PM: Farm Management

2/18 :30-8:30 PM: Horse Health and Welfare

2/25 6:30-8:30 PM: Horse Health Welfare

To register go to <http://go.rutgers.edu/> 2025 virtual/HMSReg

I would like to send a shout out to some of our board members. First, to Tricia Compton for completing our application for our grant towards the cost of the Tracey Morgan clinic. This will be held this May at the SUNY Morrisville Equine Rehabilitation Center.

A thank you goes out to Paul Buck for arranging the upcoming webinars. We also look forward to our General Membership Meeting where Paul Buck will tell us all about his CAA trip to Portugal.

Kathy Pratt is graciously opening up her farm for a "crazy about cones" event on June 14th.

Check the website for our calendar for dates of all upcoming events.

I will be sending out monthly updates during non-newsletter months. The newsletters come out in January, March, May, July September and October. If you want to continue receiving the Newsletter and my monthly updates, please make sure that you have paid your dues for 2025. After March 1, you will no longer receive updates if your dues are not current.

Membership applications can be found on our website. Please return the application with your check to CVCA c/o Jay Williams 99 Kirkland Ave, Clinton NY 13323.

Have A great New Year.

Kim Williams, CVCA President

Sears Family Homestead Drive 2024

Cazenovia, NY October 5, 2024

Photos and Article Submitted by Jim & Joanne Schoonmaker



What a difference a year makes! Rained out last year, Mother Nature acknowledged our collective disappointment by coming through in spectacular fashion for this year's event.

After a round of hot drinks, donuts, and "catching up" CVCA members set out in a variety of modes to follow Judy's signs upward on the homestead property: A two wheeled cart, a four wheeled carriage, a four wheeled carriage accompanied by a two wheeled cart, a two wheeled cart accompanied by a mounted rider, a two wheeled cart accompanied by an on-foot driver/rider, a pair of mounted and sometimes dismounted (by choice) riders, hikers, and a motorized 4 wheeled (taxi) vehicle all made their way to the top.

Judy had mowed and marked the route that involves a series of turns and traverses that ease the climb and also allow time to take in the expansive views in both directions. Once at the top, the sights from the flagpole demanded a pause. Just spectacular! From there, Judy had added more scenery and distance by including the perimeters of more fields on "the top".

And then there were the colors! The clear sky with patchy clouds provided a mix of lighting that accentuated the range of the foliage colors, creating incredible vistas in every direction.

Following the descent, Judy also provided a splashing encore finish, as a stream crossing marked the return to the trailers.

Good food, desserts, shared memories, and laughs with great conversations (including discussions of whip handling skills and preferences) wrapped up a wonderful day of driving. And the colors! Just spectacular!

Special thanks Judy, Pheobe, and Dick - the Sears family - for sharing the Homestead with all of us!





2024 CVCA Fall Brunch & Annual Membership Meeting

2024 was a great year for CVCA! It offered our members a mix of educational events; including webinars and clinics as well as pleasure drives and amazing meals enjoyed with carriage driving friends old and new! We had many new members join in 2024 and we are excited to see them join in on club activities in 2025!

On November 9, 2024, the CVCA ended its 45th year with a gathering of 46 CVCA members and guests. We tried out a new location this year, The View in Tully, NY. Set on a hillside west of the route 81 and the village of Tully, it offers a scenic panoramic view to the south. The spacious enclosed provided ample room for seating as well as the buffet and silent auction items as well as providing plenty of room for members to mingle.

The event included lively bidding Silent Auction items which included hand-painted Christmas ornaments by Judy Goldthwait, Debbie North's quilt squares, jewelry, prints, grooming supplies and lots, lots more! It was a great place to kick-start your Christmas shopping! Many thanks to our members for their donations and to Sharon Baum and Bobbie Beckhorn for a well-organized and highly competitive event that yielded \$669+ for our CVCA treasury.

The room was a buzz with laughter and chatting as members reconnected with old friends and made new while enjoying brunch prepared by The View staff!

President Judy Cary "reviewed" the past year highlighting the year's events. The year included 2 well attended educational virtual events held January and February, in person events scheduled for March - November including ~~March~~ April & November member meetings, 1 clinic, 1 workshop, a picnic and 4 pleasure drives.

The program continued with recognition of our CVCA charter members attending; Suzy Beyer and Kathy Pratt. Also recognized was our team of dedicated, hand-working CVCA board members.

The drawing for the 2024 raffle prize; a custom painted ceramic tile by Judy Goldthwait also took place, with our out-going CVCA president, Judy Cary doing the honors. Congratulations to our lucky winner Michele Johnson of Brockport, NY! This year's raffle brought in \$513, thank you to all who participated!

New business highlights included the re-election of Kathy Pratt and Donna Sharkey to our CVCA board. Tricia Anselm, Paul Buck, Judy Cary, Gloria Waro, Wendy Wells and Kim and Jay Williams around out the CVCA board. Your board has been busy planning and carrying out events throughout year!

The tentative 2025 calendar of events was shared beginning with a virtual meeting on January 16, 2025. John Stallard from CAA will be speaking to us about upcoming CAA events and activities. The year will include a variety of activities from workshops to membership meetings, clinics, pleasure drives and picnics. Be sure to keep up to date on the full details on all club events, in our newsletter, "The Driving Lines", as well as our club's website and Facebook page!

CVCA 2024 Annual Meeting



Guest Speaker : Traditional Day of Driving

Thursday January 16th 7:00-8:00 p.m

Zoom meeting Invite will be shared the week of the talk

On January 16th the CVCA will be hosting John Stallard from the Carriage Association of America to speak on the Traditional Day of Driving ,CAA trips and other upcoming events and activities.

The Traditional Day of Driving consists of three phases.

1. Presentation
2. The Road Drive
3. Cone Driving

The event is held at beautiful country locations with over 60 events held in 14 countries.

John Stallard is the Research Librarian for the Carriage Association of America and Assistant Editor of The Carriage Journal, which is a scholarly journal of carriages, their use, and their rich & evolving history. Based in Lexington, Kentucky he is an avid horseman and carriage driver and contributes articles on carriages and their history to international publications. His most recent engagements have been as a presenter at the 2022 The Horse & the Country House conference (University of Cambridge), a speaker at the 2024 CAA International Carriage Symposium (Washington, DC), & has recently returned from France examining carriages and their role during the long 18th century in France during a course entitled Court Culture and the Horse 1700-1900: Versailles, Chantilly, and Compiègne.



2025 CARRIAGE DRIVING EVENTS:

| LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025 -- Dates to Note on your calendar...MORE TO COME! | | |
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| January 29-31 | CAA Winter Meeting Grand Oaks Resort, Weirsdale FL | Carriage Association of America https://www.caaonline.com |
| March | CVCA Spring Meeting | Cherry Valley Carriage Association FMI: http://www.cherryvalleycarriage.com |
| May 19-22 | CAA Trip to Royal Windsor Horse Show | Carriage Association of America https://www.caaonline.com |
| July 18-20 | 47 th Lorenzo Driving Competition Lorenzo Historic Site, Cazenovia NY | LDC FMI: https://lorenzodriving.org |
| July 25-27 | 4 th Annual Avon Driving Park Pleasure Show Avon Driving Park, Avon NY | Western NY Combined Carriage Association FMI: https://www.wnycca.org |
| August | Sheffield Farm/CVCA Fun Day Sheffield Farm, Ithaca NY | Cherry Valley Carriage Association FMI: judy.carriagedriver1@gmail.com |
| October | CAA Trip to Long Island NY | Carriage Association of America https://www.caaonline.com |
| November | 46 th CVCA Annual Meeting | Cherry Valley Carriage Association FMI: http://www.cherryvalleycarriage.com |

For additions, corrections, deletions, please contact Judy Sobczak at Judy.carriagedriver1@gmail.com

Permission is given to share this calendar with other organizations, online and in print



Dear CVCA Friends,

As my two terms (four years) as your CVCA president comes to a close, I want to express what an honor it has been to serve in this role. When I joined CVCA in the early 1980's, Darwin Braund was president. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I might some day fill that role.

It has been a challenge to provide a program with a mix of fresh new programs along with the tried-and-true much-loved events and I hope you agree that the board working together has fulfilled that challenge!

Many thanks not only to those who have served with me on the CVCA board, but also to the many volunteers who helped organize and, in many cases, ran various club events! You are amazing!

Please join me in congratulating and supporting our new slate of CVCA officers:
Kim Williams - President, Judy Cary - Vice President, Kathy Pratt - Secretary and Jay Williams - Treasurer.

Hitch up and drive safely,

Judy

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

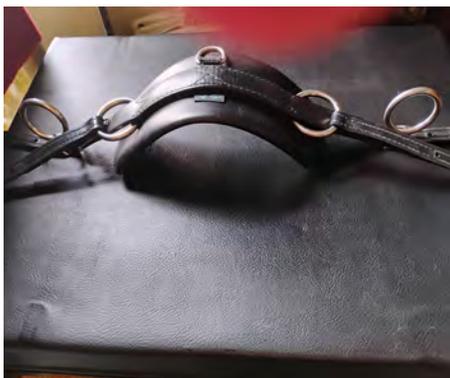
Ithaca Area

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



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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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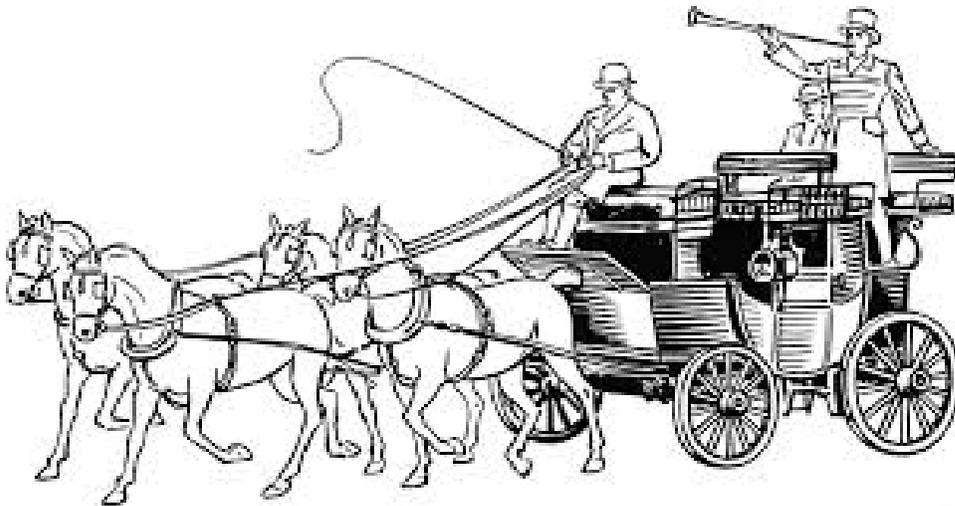
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