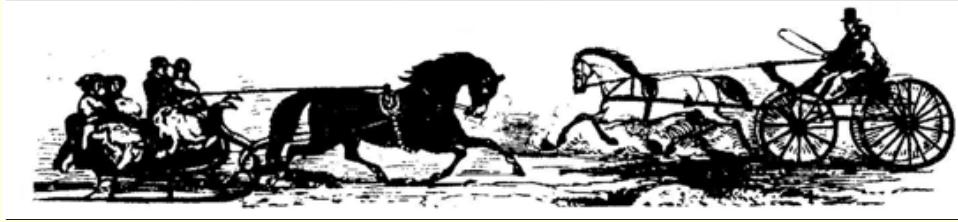


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CVCA Board Meetings are held monthly online – if you'd like a copy of the agenda or minutes, or if you'd like to log in to attend a meeting, contact any Board member for info. We'd love to see you at a meeting!

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, **Change in Venue**
Now at Lorenzo Site

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

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

September 20th

NO RAIN DATE

September Pleasure Drive

(Sadoff- Davies Drive)

Change in Venue

Join us at LORENZO SITE



Keep reading for all the details !

CVCA Presidents Letter August 2025

Dear CVCA members,

What an exciting time for drivers in our area. Two local drivers, one from our own club will be at the World Championships! Deb Marcuccilli was chosen to participate on the Para team. She is a CVCA member and donations to help with the cost of this endeavor can be made at www.usdfd.org . Sarah Bates has been chosen to represent the US as a part of the World Pony Championships; she has a Go Fund Me on her Facebook page for donations as well.

Some exciting news for us here in our area includes three more club events. Our Sadoff/Davies drive will be held at The Lorenzo State Historic Site this year while the trails at the Davies are reconfigured for future use. We do plan on returning there in the future. Our second event is the Sears Pleasure drive at the farm of Judy Sears in Cazenovia. And finally, our year end meeting on November 1st will be held at Orchard Vali in Lafayette. This will be a brunch event with the ever-popular silent auction. Details to follow.

We have been very lucky for sunny days for our club events after such a wet spring. I hope everyone is out there driving and enjoying the late summer breezes as they trot along. I know I am!

Drive on,

Kim



On Sunday, July 13th about 20 CVCA members attended the Annual CVCA Summer Picnic and Lorenzo Driving Competition Workday. Members gathered at the picnic tables under the ample shade of the LSHS trees to share a delightful picnic spread of various goodies. Lots of laughs and the helpful tips and tricks for horse care and driving were shared. Picnic-goers enjoyed the beautiful day and the opportunity to be with horsey friends.



Many thanks to members who came early to assist with preparations for the LDC. To all who stuffed, scrubbed and polished, THANK YOU for all you did to help prepare for the Lorenzo Driving Competition 2025. And let us ALL give 3 cheers and several rounds of applause to Joanne and Jim Schoonmaker for their BRILLIANT invention that eliminated the need for CVCA members to clean the LDC's dressage ring. That job has become too much for members to do manually. Did someone say, "Invention?" A portable washing station! In the back of their pick-up truck, Jim and Joanne cobbled together a 300-gallon cube full of free spring water, an electric generator and an electric power washer and used the system to clean the ring after it was set up! Lots of moving parts to get this done, from the borrowing and testing of various invention components from Sonia and Kevin Davies and Carol Ilacqua and David Samuel, to the coordination of ring set-up with the show manager Hannah Polson and the weather gods, and finally to the ring set-up done by Jillian Gemmell and her crew of busy bees.

As we picnickers gathered, we all realized that the work part of the day can easily be shortened from 2.5 hours to an hour for next year. We hope that more people will come to the 2026 picnic now that the work part of the day is minimal.

By the way, it's official! LDC 2026 is a go and will celebrate its 50th year!



Summer Picnic



Sorry that there aren't any photos of the picnic! I guess I got distracted by the goodies.....CI



The Schoonmakers' Invention





CVCA September Pleasure Drive

Lorenzo State Historic Site

Saturday Sept 20, 2025 (rain or shine)

*Look for signs for parking.

Schedule

9:30 am - Arrival time coffee & donuts

10:00 am – Hitch up and drive along marked trail (approx.. 3 miles). Trail includes perimeters of open meadows, shaded wooded trails, possible wet spots (not deep), and lovely views of Cazenovia Lake and the Lorenzo site. All off road, well suited for minis or others not conditioned for steep grades.

11:00 am – Noon – Possible Cones course

12:30 pm - Pot luck lunch

2 pm – depart for home

Notes

*Paper plates, plastic tableware, cold beverages, napkins provided.

*Remember a serving utensil for your dish-to-pass

*Plan to eat & socialize

*Do not hesitate to call w/questions

RSVP and questions to Judy Cary hhep@citlink.net or (315) 247-5884

Sears Family Homestead Pleasure Drive

October 4, 2025 (rain date 10/5)

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 and gorgeous foliage 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

2025 CARRIAGE DRIVING EVENTS:

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| September | | |
| Sept. 5-7 | Villa Louis Carriage Classic Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin | Villa Louis Carriage Classic Foundation FMI: www.carriageclassic.com |
| Sept 6=7 | 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 |

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



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Marathon - \$150 Per Lesson, \$35 Stall Per Night, \$30 Audit
Per Day, Lunch Included, Pre Registration Only, Payment in
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Out and About

Submitted by Deb North

My Haflinger Nanticoke (aka Toby) and I have had a slam dunk of a show season so far!

We've been blessed to be champion and/or reserve at every event we've entered this year.

We were CT champions at the Barneveld driving show, then reserve in the pleasure show behind friend and CVCA member Tom Frechette and the lovely mare, Snack.

At Lorenzo, we were prelim pony champs for the CT. Congratulations to Karen Leach and Ben on their single pony championship to which we were reserve.

Under saddle, we've shown the Wayne County Sunshine and Horses circuit, being awarded championships and a reserve in the Intro level dressage division.

Sincere appreciation to my trainer, Jillian Gemmell, for pushing us to excel. Toby was bred by Ken and Robin Perkins.



Deb North and Toby

Submitted by Carol Gutliph

Just some quick show results from the Delaware County Fair in Walton NY

Day end driving horse champion– Here Comes the Sun "George" owned by Carol Gutliph

Day end pony driving champion Little Miss Lilly of the Valley "Lilly" owned by Carolyn Scobie.

Pony in hand class winner Joni's Blue Sides Now "Joni" owned by Carol Gutliph.

Grade Draft Champion Horse– Let It Be A Dream "Beyonce" owned by Carol Gutliph



Pictured Above "Beyonce"

Pictured at Right "Lilly"



Hitching Up

Help Wanted At Upcoming Morgan Show NYS Fairgrounds 9/12 & 9/13

I need help in the carriage division Friday and Saturday morning at the NY Morgan show in Syracuse Sept 12th and 13th

Particularly Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. willing to pay for a groom or just a helper to head the horse while I get into and out of the carriage for the classes and to head the horse while I walk a cones course.

Call or Text Leigh Semilof at 315-573-4433

2026 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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