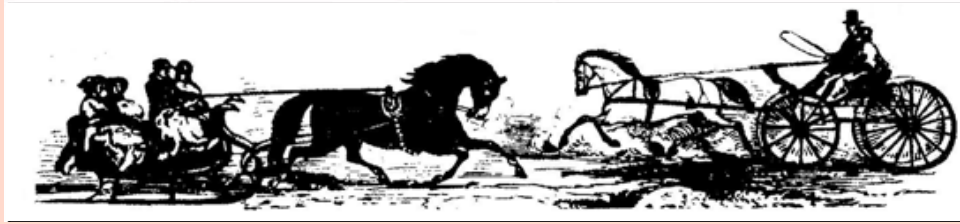


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CVCA Board Meetings are held monthly online – if you'd like a copy of the agenda or minutes, or if you'd like to log in to attend a meeting, contact any Board member for info. We'd love to see you at a meeting!

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 12th 7pm Zoom presentation with Dr Joseph Darrington
DVM, vaccination and deworming

Feb 12th Carriage Types & Selection with Myrna Rinehardt

March 22nd General Membership Meeting dish to pass lunch and membership meeting Delphi Falls Firehouse .be prepared to hear all about pony world championship

April TBA Cornell Large Animal Tour **CANCELLED**

May 9th CVCA Memorial Drive Chenango Valley State Park

May 29th-31th Tracey Morgan Clinic, Morrisville College Equine Rehabilitation Center

June 13th pleasure drive at Lorenzo/ Cones clinic with Jillian Gemmell

July 12th: Lorenzo Driving Competition Work-Day & Summer Picnic

July 17th-19th Lorenzo Driving Competition, Cazenovia, NY

August 29th Sadoff -Davies Drive Cazenovia NY **CANCELLED**

September 12th Sheffield Farm fun day , Ithaca NY

October 3rd Sears Family Homestead Drive Cazenovia NY (4th rain date)

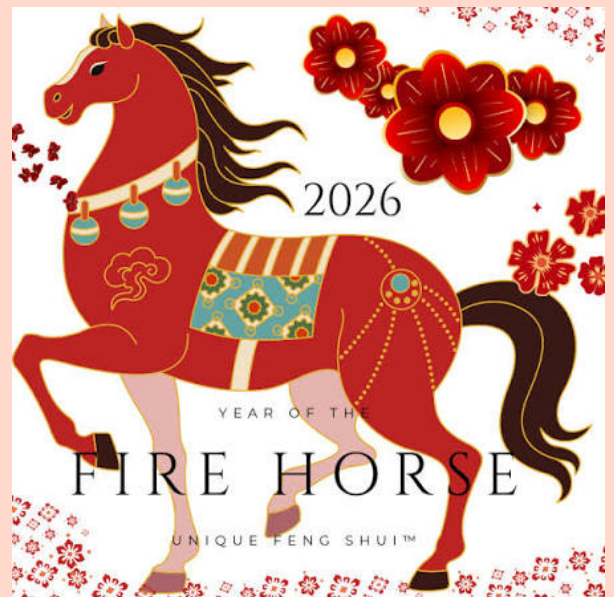
November 1st Annual General Membership Meeting ,Linklin House Cazenovia NY

UP MIN E ENTS

SEPTEMBER 12th SHEFFIELD FARM FUNDAY!

Arrival 9am Drive Starts a 10am

445 Sheffield Rd Ithaca NY 14850



Sears Family Homestead Pleasure Drive

Saturday October 3rd

Details on Page 5

Dear CVCA Members,

September is here, bringing cooler mornings, beautiful late-summer scenery, and a wonderful opportunity to get back out on the roads and trails with our horses. I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer and is looking forward to an active and enjoyable fall driving season.

As we move into autumn, there are plenty of reasons to hitch up and spend time together. Whether you are participating in a driving event, enjoying a leisurely pleasure drive, working with your horse at home, or simply catching up with fellow members, these are the moments that make our club special.

Thank you to everyone who has helped organize, participate in, and support our club activities throughout the year. Our events are successful because of the enthusiasm and generosity of our members. Please continue to share your ideas, lend a hand when you can, and encourage new drivers to become part of our driving community.

Fall also reminds us to take a little extra time to prepare our horses and equipment for changing conditions. A good check of harness, carriage, lights, and other safety equipment is always worthwhile before heading out. Most importantly, let's continue to look out for one another and enjoy our horses responsibly.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events and on the roads and trails this fall. May September bring good weather, happy horses, safe driving, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the sport we all love.

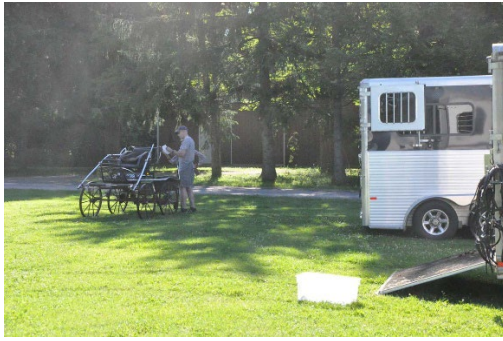
Happy Driving

Kim

With Sadness ,we share the news of the recent passing of former CVCA members

Barb Ferro 87(Charter Member),and Roger Gates 92





It was a Great Day to have a Great Drive!

Saturday, June 13th dawned sunny and warm, a picture-perfect day at a picture-perfect location, the Lorenzo Historic Site!

Ten CVCA turnouts enjoyed the pleasure drive over the Lorenzo property, winding through the apple trees that surround the one-room schoolhouse, up and down hills, around the corn field, through wooded trails, across the front of the mansion and back to the parking area.

Our fabulous CVCA cooks did not disappoint, we had a wonderful selection of salads, meat dishes and desserts to delight any sweet tooth!

Many thanks to Rebecca Davies and Paula Smith for organizing the event and getting the morning coffee and donuts, the 'J Team' of Judy Sears and Joanne and Jim Schoonmaker who not only designed our pleasure drive, marked the route and provided maps for all drivers! A special thanks also to Paul Nasca and the Lorenzo staff and to the LDC board for use of the obstacle cones and trail markers! It truly was a great day and we had a great drive!



Photo credits to Jim Schoonmaker!

14th Annual Sheffield Farm Pleasure Drive and Fun Day

Sheffield Farm
445 Sheffield Rd
Ithaca, NY 14850

Saturday September 12, 2026

Drive to start at will around 10:00am, after everyone enjoys doughnuts and hot beverages. Plan on arriving early to enjoy conversation before hitching up.

At least a 5 mile, totally off road drive, followed by a dish to pass lunch and an afternoon of driving games and a costume contest. Which is based on the theme of the day.

This year's theme: Year of the Horse.

Paper products, utensils, and cold drinks will be provided. As well as a main meat dish.

Prizes! Good food! Fun people!

*Any questions, or to RSVP, (by Tuesday September 8), please contact Judy at:
Judy.carriagedriver1@gmail.com.*

*****Anyone planning to ride on/in a carriage MUST be a current member of the CVCA*****



Sears Family Homestead Pleasure Drive/Ride

October 3, 2026 (rain date 10/4)

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 wind down with lots of fun and conversation over a dish to pass picnic lunch with beverages provided by CVCA. Have a safe trip home!

Our Host – Judy Sears



2570 Holmes Road, Cazenovia Ny

Schedule

Arrive - 9:30 am

Drive - 10 – Noon

Lunch - 12:30 pm

Good-byes - 2 pm



2026 CARRIAGE DRIVING EVENTS: Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

****NOTE**** This list is constantly evolving. If anyone has other show information, or there needs to be corrections made, please email me. Judy.carriagedriver1@gmail.com

September		
September 5-6	CT/DT-ADS Recognized Hideaway Farm 4130 Roots Tavern Rd. Geneseo, NY	FMI: www.gvrdc.org
September 7	CT/DT clinic with Dana Bright Hideaway Farm 4130 Roots Tavern Rd. Geneseo, NY	FMI: www.gvrdc.org
September 12	AT/CT	FMI: www.snecca.org *OR* www.americanandrivingsociety.org
September 15	Monthly Wheel Runners Driving Clinic with Robin Groves	FMI: www.gmhainc.org
September 26-27	Fall CT/AT/CD	FMI: www.gmhainc.org
September 27	ECHO High Hopes Farm 9096 County Rd. 14 Honeoye Falls, NY	FMI: www.wnycca.org
October		
October 1-4	Garden State CDE Horse Park of New Jersey	FMI: www.horseparkofnewjersey.com
October 9=12	ADS Northeast Region (NERD) drive Spurwink Farm Cape Elizabeth, Maine	FMI: Anna Bigelow www.northeast@americanandrivingsociety.org
October 10	ECHO Raspberry Hill Farm 1515 Salt Rd Penfield, NY	
October 11	Fall Trail Challenge Raspberry Hill Farm 1515 Salt Rd Penfield, NY	FMI: www.wnycca.org
October 20	Monthly Wheel Runners Driving Clinic with Robin Groves	FMI: www.gmhainc.org
October 24	ECHO Halloween Spooktacular Judson Farm 7286 Townline Rd Victor, NY	FMI: www.wnycca.org

CVCA Members Out & About

Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

As the new year began, I got busy looking at my 2026 calendar. I started making plans and looking at what driving events were being planned for the year. I needed to figure out and decide what driving events/activities Mab and I would participate in this year. I knew competing at the 50th version of the Lorenzo Driving Competition would make “the cut”. 50 years of any event, being a wedding anniversary, birthday, or in this case, a driving show lasting that long, is indeed rarefied air.

Lorenzo will always hold a special place in my heart. For starters, Lorenzo was my first exposure ever to the sport of carriage driving. As well as being the very first driving show I had ever competed at. I have so many special memories....

After being out of the Lorenzo show ring since 2019, and volunteering at the show in 2023-2025, I decided right away the 50th version of the show would mark my return!

It felt great being back on the grounds, seeing and visiting with many carriage driving friends that I hadn't seen in a while, and in the various competition rings at Lorenzo. Mab and I had prepared and were ready! This show marked our first official foray into the world of driven dressage competition!

During the entire competition, my very “opinionated” Chestnut mare was an absolute rockstar! She behaved and performed very well. I was very pleased. Though, in truth, there were a couple of classes that I was a “tad” disappointed with our placings. But the bottom line was this: I was very happy with Mab! Remembering that judging is just 1 person's opinion on 1 particular day and moment in time.

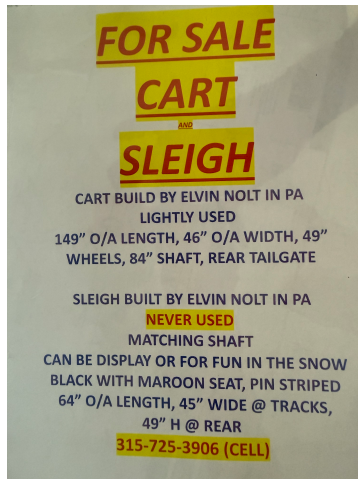
The highlight for Mab and I, was our first-place finish in driven dressage. Training level, pony division! To say I was beyond thrilled was an understatement! Another highlight: The Sunday morning Pace drive! An absolutely beautiful drive! The mimosa at the finish of the drive was great and much enjoyed! 😊

The 1 low-light was the downpour during our turnout class on Saturday. We, at least were properly turned-out for the weather conditions! And, since I do drive Mab in the rain, (even downpours!) she kept her composure during the entire class.

The final summary for the weekend: Wonderful! Mab and I were lucky enough to receive all the colors of the 1-6 placing ribbon rainbow. With the exception of no 5th, (or pink) ribbon.

Unfortunately, I never got any pictures of our ribbons and various prizes and awards. You'll just have to take my word for our accomplishments! Deciding to compete at this year's Lorenzo was worth every bit of time spent in preparation and planning for the event.

Hitching Up



Contact Joyce Rienzo 315-725-3906
or John_phone3047@me.com for more
information on Cart and Sleigh

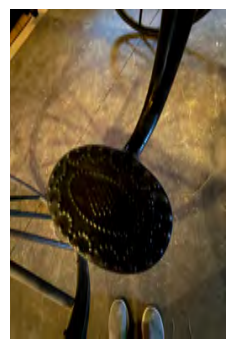
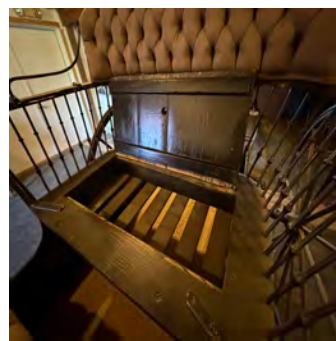
FOR SALE

Vintage Ladies cart - was previously owned by Susie Beyer- used for show classes.
Shafts are 74 inches long, 39 inches wide at base of shafts and 22 inches at narrow end
4 wheels, black patent finish, reupholstered. custom cover included \$1400

Portland Cutter -

Shafts are 75 inches long, 33 inches wide at base of shafts, 25 wide at narrow end.
Original paint and decals visible, reupholstered. custom cover included \$1200

Contact Linda McGonagle 315-730-4938 call or text
email lin.mcgonagle@animalptcenter.com



WANTED

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Dear CVCA Members

After much consideration, I have decided to resign my position as newsletter editor. This decision is solely based on personal reasons.

I will continue to support CVCA and its members , in other avenues.

*I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as editor, and appreciate all the encouragement and positivity I received
A Heartfelt Thank You !*

Donna Sharkey

2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership runs December 1 to November 30



Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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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!

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Thank you Donna Sharkey , editor*