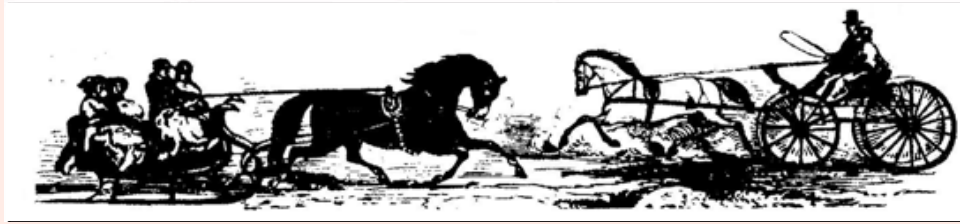


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CVCA Board Meetings are held monthly online – if you'd like a copy of the agenda or minutes, or if you'd like to log in to attend a meeting, contact any Board member for info. We'd love to see you at a meeting!

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming 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 ,Linklaen House Cazenovia NY

Sunday Nov 1st

Annual Membership Meeting & Luncheon

The Linklaen House

79 Albany St Cazenovia NY 13035

PLEASE RSVP ASAP !!!, see page 3



CVCA President's Letter

Dear Members,

What a wonderful time was had at the **Sheffield Farm Fun Day!** It was great to see such a good-sized turnout and so many members and friends enjoying a beautiful day together. With **five miles of trails** available to drive, there was plenty of opportunity to get out on the trails, enjoy the scenery, and spend time with fellow carriage driving enthusiasts. Events like this are what make our club so special, and I want to thank everyone who came out and helped make the day such a success.

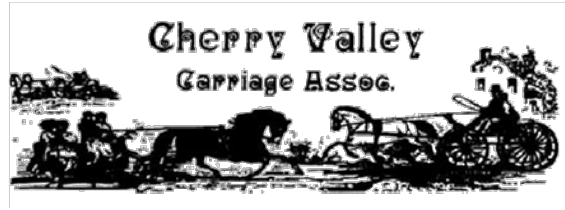
Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for our **Annual Meeting**, which will be held at the **Lincklaen House on November 1st. Arrival time is 11:30 a.m.** We look forward to gathering together, catching up with one another, and celebrating another year of carriage driving and friendship.

We'll have some fun treats planned as well, including a **lovely carriage-themed platter raffle** and our ever-popular **silent auction**. There are sure to be some wonderful items, so be sure to come prepared to participate!

Thank you all for your continued enthusiasm, support, and friendship throughout the year. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting and to another great year ahead for our club.

Happy driving!

Kim Williams
President



47th Annual Membership Meeting

The Linklaen House

79 Albany St Cazenovia NY 13035

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Please RSVP! We need an accurate count.

Non-CVCA Members are welcome to attend!

Price: \$33 per person

11:30 am to 2:00 pm

11:30 AM- Welcome Reception and Silent Auction Bidding Begins

Noon - Brunch Buffet

1 PM - Membership Meeting: Year End Business Meeting/Election of CVCA Directors

~ THE SILENT AUCTION ~

THIS is one of the most fun and anticipated parts of our Annual Meeting!

This is a MAJOR fundraiser to support our activities during the next year.

Bring in no more than 3 quality "horsey" or "non-horsey" items: anything from prints, coolers, harnesses, bits, baskets of cheer, baked goods, or anything else!

Name(s) Attending	

☐ 2027 Membership Renewal (\$25 adult; \$35 family) Amount Enclosed: _____

☐ Bruncheon Amount Enclosed: _____

☐ Donation (optional) Amount Enclosed: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Please return luncheon RSVP and membership payments & form by Oct 20th to:

Gloria Waro - 2415 Co Road 11 Mt. Vision, NY 13810

Questions?

Please contact Gloria Waro at mommadukes3089@gmail.com

Sheffield Farm Pleasure Drive & Fun Day

Wrap-up Report

Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

In a word: Fantastic! The 14th annual version of the Sheffield Farm pleasure drive and fun day is history! And, what good history happened! What could be better? A perfect day, weather-wise! An absolutely beautiful location! Good friends! Cute ponies and horses! Coffee! Doughnuts! A delicious lunch! Great conversation! Fun games! And...prizes! What more could be hoped for?

This year, it was a small, but mighty as well as enthusiastic group in attendance. 8 hitches. In total, (including invited guests), 25 people were present.

The theme for this year's event was, "Year of the Horse". And, true to form, a couple of the games were based on this theme.

The first game was specifically for those doing the pleasure drive. Another observation game: How many stuffed horses were out on the course. There was a horse "drinking" in a creek. A horse resting on a pile of leaves. Even a horse "caught" in a barbed wire fence! And, in keeping with fun day "tradition", past "elements" from previous Fun Days made "appearances" along the pleasure drive course. Pink flamingos...from the beach themed Fun Day, and Mardi Gras beads...from the Mardi Gras themed Fun Day were included. There was even a horse "riding" a flamingo! And, the flamingos were wearing Mardi Gras beads. In total, 13 stuffed horses were placed in various locations along the drive.

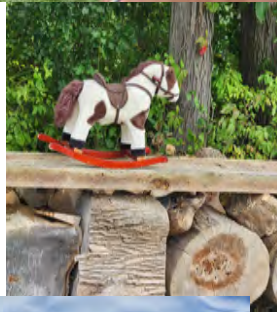
The 2nd game took place as lunch was finishing. A trivia game that was based on anything and everything horse related. It was a tough and challenging game. And, of course, there were drawings for various door prizes. A special thanks to Steve Kraus CJF, who donated a copy of his book: "Shoeing the Modern Horse", and autographed it as well! What an awesome door prize! Also, CVCA member, Peggy Walbridge donated her copy of the photo book, "Walnut Hill", A Driving History. Thanks to both Steve and Peggy for their generous donations!

The pleasure drive was 5.4 miles in length. Totally off road. The course, as usual was expertly marked by farm owner, Jan Suwinski. With help from Ryan Saul. Traveling through the fields and woods that make up the Sheffield Farm property.

As is the usual progression of events for the day, following lunch, some people hitched back up to drive a cone and obstacle course designed by Judy Sobczak. The course was given the seal of approval by a professional course designer who was in attendance. Congrats to Carol Collyer and Bobbi Beckhorn who drove a cones course for the very first time! I think they are hooked! 😊

As anyone can imagine, it takes a village to plan and prepare the farm to welcome CVCA members to Sheffield Farm. First and foremost, many thanks go to Sheffield Farm owners, Jan and Sue Suwinski for

agreeing to hold and host this event at their lovely farm. This event couldn't happen without their support and encouragement! To Jan for his many hours on the tractor seat, mowing and trimming trails. To Ryan Saul for help with trimming trails, mowing the lawns and in general making sure everything looked great. Jason Tennent for his help where ever it was needed. It truly takes a village!! It is all done for the enjoyment of CVCA members. Everyone associated with Sheffield Farm enjoys welcoming CVCA members to come and enjoy a fabulous day! A huge thanks to everyone!!



Photos courtesy of: Carol Collyer, Lisa Teichert and Tricia Anselm

2026 CARRIAGE DRIVING EVENTS: Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

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@americandrivingsociety.org
October 10	ECHO Raspberry Hill Farm 1515 Salt Rd Penfield, NY	FMI: www.wnycca.org
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



A Word From Deb Marcuccilli

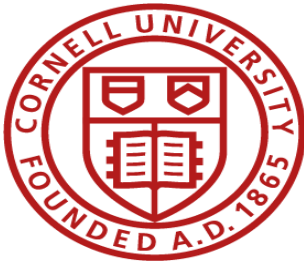
A HUGE thank-you to the CVCA members who have listened to and supported my journey as a Para driver.

I especially want to thank Judy Sobczak who arranged a fund raiser for USDFD..the US Driving for the Disabled..the organization that helped to support me when I competed at the 2025 Para World Championships.

Several CVCA members who attended Fun day at Sheffield Farm purchased 'eggs' and I sent a check for \$50 to USDFD.

THANK-YOU CVCA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!





Cornell University

Educational Opportunity!

Information submitted by: Judy Sobczak

Once again, this fall, the Cornell Equine Seminar series continues. Joining in via Zoom to these seminars, provides a great educational opportunity. Take advantage of these webinars. Which feature expert speakers on current topics in equine Veterinary Medicine, equine husbandry and management. The seminars are held once a month on Tuesdays at 6 pm. Typically, they are scheduled on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. To join the mailing list, send a message using the following email address: cuvetce@cornell.edu. In the subject line, put: "Join equine mailing list".

All seminars are done using Zoom. You can stay in the comfort of your home and listen and learn about relevant issues/topics in equine medicine. You must register for each seminar in order to be sent the Zoom link for each seminar.

The entire catalog of all past seminar recordings can be viewed on YouTube. Just type in Cornell Equine seminars in the search bar.



Hitching Up



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

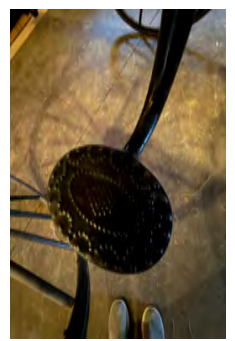
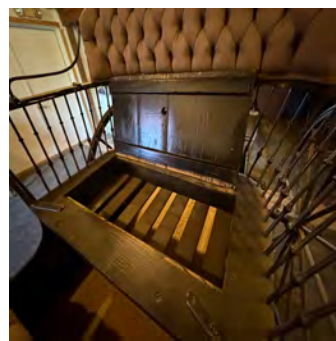
FOR SALE

Vintage Ladies cart - was previously owned by Susie Meyer- used for show classes.
Shafts are 4 inches long, 9 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 5 inches long, 15 inches wide at base of shafts, 25 wide at narrow end.
Original paint and decals visible, reupholstered. custom cover included \$1200

Contact Linda McGonagle 315-725-3906 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

2027 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**

Mail to:

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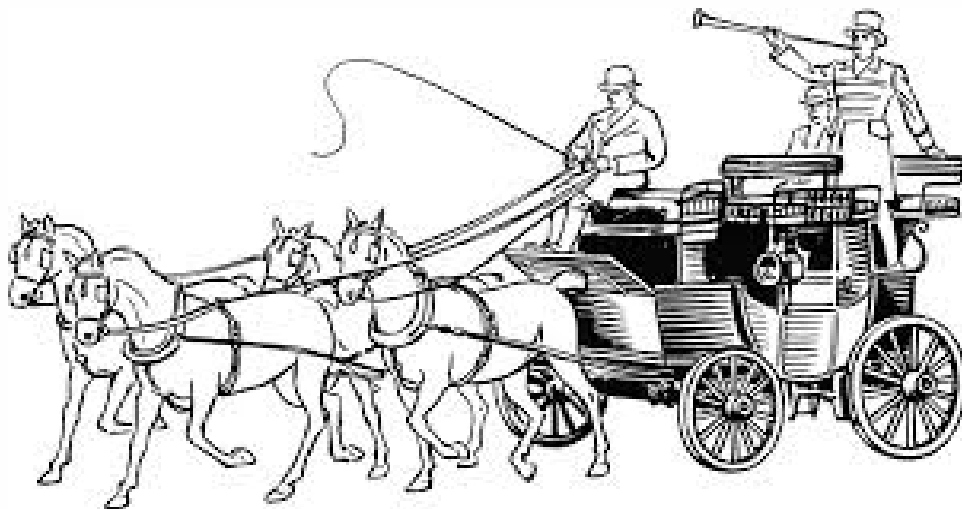
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*A reminder to send ALL newsletter submissions to CVCAEditor@gmail.com
Thank you Donna Sharkey , editor*