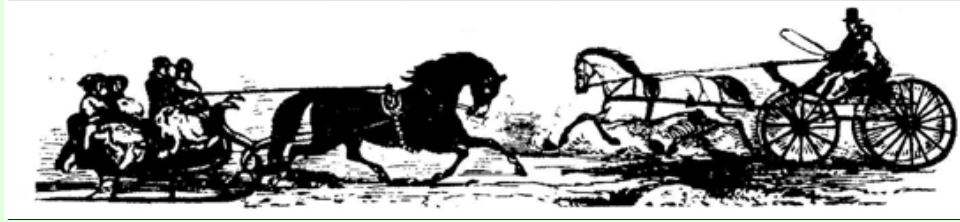


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CVCA Board Meetings are held monthly online – if you'd like a copy of the agenda or minutes, or if you'd like to log in to attend a meeting, contact any Board member for info. We'd love to see you at a meeting!

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 12th Lorenzo Work day Picnic
10:30 am to ?
bring a dish to pass

17 Rippleton Rd, Cazenovia, NY 13035

July 17th-19th
Lorenzo Driving Competition



CVCA Presidents Letter July 2026

Dear CVCA members,

Well, the weather certainly has changed from Spring to steamy summer in the blink of an eye. We are hoping for milder weather to come for our upcoming events.

I was lucky to join the other CVCA drivers at the Tracy Morgan Clinic and I think it was successful for all. I know my pony and I learned a lot! Thank you to all the volunteers who worked hard to make this happen. It was a well-organized event and no one left hungry!!

There was a successful drive at The Lorenzo State Historic site with a picnic to follow and by all accounts it was enjoyed by all.

Next up is our CVCA work day and picnic at the Lorenzo grounds. Every year we gather to assist in the preparation for the Lorenzo Driving Competition. Come enjoy the picnic with a dish to pass and enjoy the company of other CVCA members. I hope to see you all there.

Check out the schedule of events in this newsletter, there is something for everyone. As always if you have suggestions for an event feel free to reach out to me or any board member.

Drive on,

Kim

Note From The Davies Family

The Family of Kevin Davies is very grateful for CVCA messages of condolences, love, comfort prayers and so much more.

*All of your friendships and emotional support are held dear to our hearts :
Kevins heart as well*

*Many hugs and endearments to all of
you*

Sonia

A Celebration of Kevins Life

Sunday August 16,2026

1:00pm- 4:00 pm

4209 Putnam Road

Cazenovia NY





SUMMER PICNIC



CVCA Summer Picnic

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Picnic: 12:00 PM

Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia, New York

**Join us on Sunday, July 12th at the Lorenzo Historic Site for the
Annual CVCA Summer picnic!**

Lunch at the picnic tables or inside South Cottage, depending on
weather.

RSVP by July 10th to: Carol Ilacqua at carol.ilacqua@gmail.com

Bring a dish to pass- CVCA will provide cold drinks and paper
products. **An Optional Work Party is set to begin at South Cottage**

at 10:30 where we'll divide into two groups – one to work at
South Cottage (competitors' swag bags,
polishing trophies) and one to work at the
Maintenance Shed (cleaning obstacles, cones,
and other ring items).

All help greatly appreciated by the LDC!



CVCA 12th Annual Bruce Haak Memorial Drive – May 10th

When the weather forecast on May 8th—the day before our originally scheduled drive—called for rain and chilly temperatures, the group voted to postpone the event until Sunday, May 10th. While the change unfortunately meant a couple of participants could no longer attend, Mother Nature rewarded us with a beautiful day. The skies were partly cloudy, there was no rain, and best of all, no bugs! The cloudy weather also meant we had much of the park to ourselves, as most visitors didn't arrive until later in the morning when the sun came out.

The day began with coffee, hot cocoa, and donuts as everyone gathered and caught up. Soon, 11 participants and 6 hitches were harnessed up and ready to hit the trails. The drive turned out to be a wonderful outing, with great scenery, good company, and ideal conditions.

After returning from the drive, everyone came together for a delicious dish-to-pass lunch and enjoyed more fellowship and camaraderie. A special thank you to Jackie Gagen for allowing me to ride along behind her beautiful Gypsy mare. It was a fun experience sitting behind a much wider hind end than I'm accustomed to seeing!

All in all, it was a memorable day filled with horses, ponies, friends, and great spring weather.



Tracey Morgan Clinic Recap

CVCA welcomed Tracey Morgan of Beallsville, MD for a three-day driving clinic May 29-31 at the Morrisville College Equine Rehabilitation Center. Each day was packed full as fifteen different turnouts benefited from Tracey's expertise to improve their skills. 30 lessons were filled with the beauty of Dartmoor ponies, Morgan horses, Welsh ponies, Hackney ponies, VSEs, and many other breeds.

Whips included novice newcomers to carriage driving through experienced drivers competing regularly as well as a few groundwork sessions and an under-saddle lesson, and Tracey met each student and equine where they were to build upon those skills. One of the truly special things about a three day clinic is that horse and driver can build upon their knowledge and skill from one day to the next, so that genuine tangible progress is possible. Some participants utilized a Pivo device to record their lessons, allowing them to rewatch and relearn.

Lunch was provided through the generosity of CVCA, allowing more people to watch other lessons; many thanks to the lunch organizers, Rebecca Davies, Kim Williams, and Kathy Pratt. On Friday, a few drivers joined Tracey for dinner at the Lincklean House, where conversation ranged from ponies and horse shows to dog breeds and dog shows! Saturday's dinner on-site was enjoyed by many members, feasting on Judy Cary's pulled pork and so many side dishes that I can't even begin to recall them all. A special shout out to Kathy Pratt who supplied us with breakfast goodies and snacks to keep us going for three and a half days: Kathy, you are a gem!!

We mustn't forget to thank Carol Buckhout for opening her home to Tracey for her visit. And of course, we are grateful as always to SUNY Morrisville and especially Scott Seymour for the use of the Equine Rehabilitation Center stabling and arena.



Sadoff Property Update *by Judy Cary*



A few of our long-time members will remember Mike Sadoff. Mike and his wife Jane were charter members of CVCA and hosted the first official membership meeting of the newly organized Cherry Valley Carriage Association in September 1979. Mike and Jane are the parents of current CVCA member, Sonia Davies.

Ten years later, in July 1989 Mike Sadoff donated the majority of the property to the Morrisville College Foundation to be used for equine related activities as well a wildlife and botanical studies and preservation and field crop cultivation and production.

In the late fall of 1989 CVCA members came together for the first organized pleasure drive on the newly create trail system. I was honored to be in attendance in this event and drive the trails of Chantry which are now and forever known as "Rhoscolyn Carriage Park in memory of D. E. Jane Sadoff".

Although the agreement placed the responsibility for maintenance of the trails with Morrisville College Foundation, the family with some support from CVCA members has mowed, cleared and maintained the trails all these years with much of the responsibility falling to Kevin Davies. We are forever grateful to Kevin for his time, energy and use of equipment that made it possible for CVCA members to enjoy these lovely trails that included open meadows, wooded hillsides and picturesque views of the countryside.

With Kevin's passing earlier this year, Morrisville is being asked to fulfill the role of primary grounds keeper of the trails. A group of CVCA members met with Brendan Kelly and Micah Bates from Morrisville College at the Sadoff property on Putnam Road.

While the exact route for the trails is still being worked out, we are hopeful that a CVCA pleasure drive will be held on the property on August 29th. Details will follow so watch your Wednesday emails for further news on CVCA's return to Chantry and the Rhoscolyn Carriage Park!

SHEFFIELD FARM PLEASURE DRIVE AND FUN DAY

Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

Hi Cherry Valley members! It is getting to be that time of the year. The annual Sheffield Farm pleasure drive and fun day is just around the corner. 2026 will be the 14th version of this event. Typically, Fun Day has been held in August. This year this event is being moved to September. So, mark your calendars! Saturday September 12 is the date of this year's event.

It has been suggested that I provide a bit of "history" of this pleasure drive. Since there are quite a few new club members that know nothing about this pleasure drive or any of the other pleasure drives that Cherry Valley sponsors.

I honestly can't remember how or why this event came about. I believe at that time, there were just 3 pleasure drives: the Bennett drive, Sadoff/Davies drive and the Chenango Valley Park drive. The Chenango Valley Park drive then became known as the Bruce Haak Memorial drive. Named in honor of Bruce, a long time CVCA member and part of a group of drivers that started the drive. The CVCA board and officers were looking to add another pleasure drive to the club's yearly events. Since I was a board member at that time, I got to thinking about "offering up" Sheffield Farm as a possible new pleasure drive location. I first needed to talk with the farm owners, Jan and Sue Suwinski to see if they would be okay with this idea. The Suwinski's were on board with this idea for the beginning. As members of the CVCA, they looked at holding a pleasure drive at their farm as another way to support the club. From the very first fun day, the Suwinski's have always supported me and my ideas for fun day. They truly love having CVCA members here to enjoy their beautiful farm! With this being the 14th year, doing the math that means the first Fun Day was held in August of 2012. With each year the event has evolved.

Each CVCA sponsored pleasure drive that was held had their own "character". I needed to figure out what I wanted the Sheffield Farm's pleasure drive character to be. It was decided to make the day an all-day affair. A pleasure drive in the morning. A break for a dish to pass lunch. Following lunch, there would be driving games. Which consisted of at least 1 cones course and some other type of timed game. Over the years, I've added other games/activities to the day. I believe deciding to have a theme of the day began with the 2nd year. It was a crazy apron contest that was held after lunch. With prizes awarded. The theme of the day idea has stuck. Mardi Gras, The Sheffield Farm 500, The A, B, Cs of Carriage Driving, The Great American Bear Hunt and Redneck Fun Day, are just a few of the past themes. From the theme idea, holding a costume contest based on the days theme came into play. Also, in the past couple of years, I decided to hold a trivia contest during lunch that was also based on the theme of the day. Since there are members who attend Fun Day without a pony/horse to drive, or have the opportunity

to ride along with someone, having a game during lunch allowed those members to have chances to win one of the many different prizes that I've been very lucky enough to gather for each year's event. Sometimes for those who do the drive, there has been some type of observational game on the pleasure drive course. As I want to see who is paying attention to their surroundings. Whether or not there is an observational game on the pleasure drive course just depends on chance.

As I've mentioned, I've been very lucky in past years to be able to have many wonderful items donated. Having prizes adds to the competitive spirit and fun of the day.

The pleasure drive course is always well marked and the trails are mowed and prepared by farm owner, Jan Suwinski. The beauty of this drive: it can be anywhere from 4 ½- 5 miles long. Basically a flat course that is entirely off road. The drive goes through the fields and woodlands of the farm. If you are lucky, you may even see deer, wild turkey, lots of squirrels, red tailed hawks, and perhaps even a bald eagle that call the property home as you drive along on course with your equine driving companion. There is even a water splash to go through. Some years it is "splashier" than other years! Each year, we have been blessed with good or decent weather, never having to cancel the drive. I've already put in my request for another fabulous day in September!

And, now for the long-awaited announcement of this year's theme: Since 2026 is the Year of the Horse, this year the theme will be: **Year of the Horse!** Start planning your costume ideas now!

Saturday September 12 2026

RSVP by: Monday September 8 to Judy at: Judy.carriagedriver1@gmail.com.

Dish to pass lunch. The club will provide the meat for a main dish, paper products, utensils and cold drinks. Hot beverages and doughnuts will be available to be enjoyed before everyone heads out on the drive.

Any questions, please contact Judy.

Everyone associated with Sheffield Farm is looking forward to welcoming you on Sept. 12!

Highlighting Upcoming Regional Carriage Driving Competitions

Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

As spring turns into summer, the numbers of carriage driving, as well as other equine events and activity amps up. We, here in NYS are very lucky to have many choices of events in which to participate. There will be 4 upcoming pleasure driving shows happening in the coming months that warrant consideration. Consideration either by entering and competing or by offering to volunteer. Both of these aspects are critical to the success of any show. Even though all of these shows are either listed on the CVCA 2026 calendar of events on the front page of this newsletter, or are included in the curated 2026 driving events calendar, included within the pages of this newsletter, these 4 shows may be of particular interest to CVCA members. This article is not intended to be in any way showing "favoritism" to these shows, or to the sponsoring clubs. They were selected based on their proximity to our region of NYS and nearby areas. 2 of these shows have a long history of existence. The other 2 are fairly new in existence. Let's take a look at each.

First, the "long-timers":

Lorenzo Driving Competition: 2026 marks 50 years of this show. Wow! This is quite the feat! Congrats to all involved with planning and executing this year's show. But we also must acknowledge the "founders" of this show. From humble beginnings...Sue Voss driving her horse, "Starduster" to the Lorenzo grounds, while an auto show was taking place. From that, a show was "born"! A 3 day show with a CT, as well as the pleasure driving show. A lovely location for show. The CVCA has a long history of supporting this show. Many members have competed, as well as volunteered. Show dates: July 17-19. This is a show not to be missed. Location: Cazenovia, NY.

Orleton Farm Driving Competition: Yet another beautiful location for a show! Spectacular views of the surrounding Berkshire Hills add to the vibe of this show. Held on the family farm of Harvey and Mary Stokes Waller. As I was told by Mary, during a conversation we had in 2019 while I was there to compete, the farm at that point had been in her family for over 100 years. Talk about history! Their reason for planning and holding different types of equine events there is to share their farm with others. With the hope others will love and enjoy the farm as much as they do. This year marks the 27th version of this show. The Colonial Carriage and Driving Society are organizers of this show. Show dates: August 6-9. A 4 day show that will offer a CT, DT, and a pleasure driving show. Location: Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

The "New Comers":

Great Lakes Carriage Classic: This year marks the 8th annual version of this show. This show within the past 2 years has become ADS recognized. Pretty awesome for a new show. Yes, this show is held in Canada, so there are extra logistics involved to cross the border with your horses/ponies. I have been told by past competitors that crossing into Canada to attend this show is seamless. I've also been told that the show grounds are very nice and the show staff and volunteers are second to none! Well worth the trip to attend and compete. These facts alone, are great to hear. A 3 day show with a CT and pleasure driving show. Show dates: July 24-26. Location: Ancaster Fair Grounds, Jerseyville, ON Canada.

Avon Driving Park Pleasure Driving Show: This show is the "baby" of this group! Only 4 years old! The impetus for starting/organizing this new pleasure show, when many pleasure shows are ceasing to exist, was the "founders" of this show wanted to fill the void left by both the losses of the East Aurora Driving Competition and Walnut Hill driving shows. In 2025, Mother Nature wasn't kind to the town and village of Avon where this show is located. 3 weeks before the show, over 13" of rain was dumped on the area. Causing much damage to the show grounds and the surrounding infrastructure. The very difficult decision was made to cancel the show. In 2026, the show is ready and waiting to welcome competitors! The show grounds are lovely. Flat, with a shaded main show ring. A 3-day show, featuring a CT and pleasure driving show. Show dates: July 24-27. Location: Avon, NY.

Make plans to enter or volunteer at any of these shows. You won't be disappointed. Good luck to everyone with your competition endeavors.

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

July		
July 12	Cones Gone Wild Horse Park of New Jersey	FMI: www.horseparkofnewjersey.com
July 24-26	Avon Driving Park CT/Pleasure Driving Show 350 Spring St. Avon, NY	FMI: www.wnycca.org *OR* Judy.carriagedriver1@gmail.com
July 24-26	Great Lakes Carriage Classic Ancaster Fairgrounds 630 Trinity Rd. Jerseyville, Ontario, Canada	FMI: www.greatlakescarriageclassic.com
August 6-9	Orleton Farm Pleasure Driving Show/CT/Attelage De Tradition Stockbridge, Massachusetts	FMI: www.colonialcarriage.org
August 20-23	Summer CT/CDE/CanAm Challenge & ADS North American Prelim/Intermediate Championship	FMI: www.gmhainc.org
August 23	Stone Tavern Driving CT Horse Park of New Jersey	FMI: www.horseparkofnewjersey.com
August 30	ECHO Sleigh Bell Farm 2137 Austin Rd. Geneva, NY	FMI: www.wnycca.org
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 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

Martins Auctioneers 55th Anniversary Spring Auction

April 24, 2026



A few CVCA members made the trek to Lebanon, PA to take in the events of Martin's Auctioneers 55th annual spring auction. Members spotted were Paul Buck, Kathy and Chip Pratt and Russ and Judy Cary.

If you have never attended put this is event on a must-do list and plan to attend at least once in your life!

This year items donated by former member Laurie Williams were among the items auctioned with the proceeds from the sale of these items donated to CVCA!



Seeking Nominations!

CVCA will have three openings on the Board effective November 2026. Kim Williams, Jay Williams, and Gloria Waro have completed their eligible terms. Jay and Gloria have offered to be the Nominating Committee and they seek your assistance. CVCA Board members meet once per month via Zoom and then in person at the Annual Meeting in November. The Board, with member assistance, formulates the Calendar of Events for the year. The Board strives to carry on the love of carriage driving by hosting educational webinars during the lovely NY winter months . Board members orchestrate the behind the scenes details for our pleasure drives, work days, clinics, participation at Lorenzo, and membership meetings. The members of CVCA live in a geographically large area, but driving and horses create a tight community.

Interested in serving? Terms are three years. Board members are volunteers, but are paid with the knowledge that they are contributing to an amazing group of people and the traditional sport of driving. Elections are held at the Annual Meeting in November. Nominees will have the opportunity to write up a bio for the membership to view. Please reach out to Jay at jaygwilliams3@gmail.com or Gloria at mommadukes3089@gmail.com for questions, thoughts, and your nomination!

Hitching Up

Russet harness for sale.

It is far too big for my pony. I suspect it is a Smuckers, but can't find a makers mark. Saddle is 43", girth - 25", backstrap (shortened as far as possible) - 30" to crupper, breeching - 47", breast strap - 45", traces - 90", reins, headstall - 42" with 18" browband. Tried it in my pony once where we tightened everything as small as possible. A harness maker said it is too lovely a harness to carve up and resize. Asking what I paid for it - \$1000.00. **Gloria Waro**
607.293.8087 or mommadukes3089@gmail.com



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



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) _____

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