

THE DRIVING LINES



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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!

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 11th: General Membership Meeting 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Tour of Morrisville College Equine Rehabilitation Center @11, followed by dish to pass lunch and membership meeting

April: TBA

May 14th: 10th Annual Bruce Haak Memorial Drive, Chenango Valley State Park

May 19 – 21st: Tracey Morgan Clinic, Cazenovia College Equine Education Center

June 3rd: Cones/Obstacle/Hazards Clinic, Sheffield Farm, Ithaca

July 9th: Lorenzo Driving Competition Work-Day & Summer Picnic

July 14 - 16th: Lorenzo Driving Competition

August 19th: Sheffield Farm Pleasure Drive and Fun Day, Ithaca

September 16th: Sadoff Davies Pleasure Drive, Nelson (rain date 9/17)

October 7th: Sears Family Homestead Pleasure Drive, Cazenovia (rain date 10/8)

November 11th: Annual General Membership Meeting, Lincklaen House, Cazenovia

Upcoming Events

Lorenzo !, Lorenzo !

Work Day Picnic
Sunday July 9th 9:30 am



Lorenzo Driving Competition

July 14, 15 & 16 2023

Look for all the details below !

President's Letter

It's Summer and Living is Busy!

As I write this it is looking like we can plan on a stretch of warm and humid days ahead! With show season underway I am excited to see many of our CVCA members out and about and area events! Good luck and let us know about your experience!

Our 2023 pleasure drive series kicked off with The Bruce Haak Memorial drive on May 14th. The trails at Chenango Valley provided the perfect setting for a Mother's Day drive! Kudos to Lisa Teichert and Sharon Baum for planning the event!

Our spring clinics are now a memory and a very good memory at that!

On May 19-21 we welcomed clinician Tracey Morgan to the Cazenovia College Equine Center for 3 days of individual lessons. Many thanks to Carol and Craig Buckhout for hosting Tracey in their home. It was great to be able to enjoy the wonderful facilities of the Cazenovia College facility one final time. We had several who shared in one of our clinics for the very first time as well as many who have participated in these clinics time and time again. It was fantastic to see so much comradery as members helped members loading and unloading vehicles and gear as well as heading while hitching.

June 3th rounded out our clinic schedule with an Obstacle/Cones Clinic at Jan and Sue Suwinski's Sheffield Farm in Ithaca. With Judy Sobczak as chair, you could count on a well-planned event with all the extras! Sarah Bates and Bruce Jones served as clinicians with all participants leaving with new thirst for speed and some skills to quench it as well as some homework to build skills to score a clean run as well as a fast time!

Based on the feedback received from both of these clinics I hope we will welcome back these clinicians in 2024! Stay tuned...

CVCA members will join together on July 9th for a combination picnic and work day on the grounds at Lorenzo. Come prepared to assist the show committee with some final preparations for the event. Followed by a dish to pass picnic on the Lorenzo grounds. More information is included in this newsletter.

Mark your calendars now for the pleasure drives planned for August 19 (details in this newsletter) and September 16 and October 7. Stay tuned for full details on our fall drives in the September newsletter. These are some of my favorite events of the year! Hope to see you there!

Anyone interested in organizing or helping plan an upcoming event? Let me know, extra hands and new ideas are always welcome!

Judy



CVCA Summer Picnic and LDC Work Party

Sunday, July 9, 2023

Work Party: 9:30 AM

Picnic: 12:00-ish PM

Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia, New York

Join us on Sunday, July 9th at the Lorenzo Historic site to assist with LDC show-related activities and to enjoy a picnic with fellow CVCA members.

Be part of the pre-show activities by stuffing the competitors' swag bags, polishing trophies, cleaning course obstacles, cones, dressage ring rails and the famous LDC shed! We guarantee laughter and camaraderie!



RSVP:

RSVP to either Carol Ilacqua at carol.ilacqua@gmail.com or Karen Leach at kleach@hamilton.edu to let one of them know that you will be attending. Bring a dish to pass- CVCA will provide cold drinks!

Pack a dish-to-pass, wear your work clothes and plan to have some fun! If you can, bring buckets, sponges, old towels, rags, etc. If you have a power-washer, bring it!

Meet at South Cottage at 9:30. Competitor swag bags and trophy cleaning happen at South Cottage. Cleaning of ring items will occur at the Maintenance Shed. The LDC Shed is to the left of South Cottage and will need cleaning and organizing.

Not into working? Come to the picnic anyway!

RSVP to either Carol or Karen by July 7th, please!



Your help is greatly appreciated!!



The Lorenzo Driving Competition will celebrate its Sapphire Jubilee during the weekend of July 14-16

We look forward to including the many CVCA members as competitors, volunteers, sponsors and spectators.

The sponsorship from CVCA for the Sunday Morning Pleasure Drive-Pace, along with the Pamela Braund and CVCA Gentleman championships is greatly appreciated!

Plan to attend the Friday evening, July 14, Hats Off to Lorenzo Welcome party!

See you at Lorenzo #45!

Tracey Morgan Clinic Wrap-up

May 19-21, the Tracey Morgan Clinic at Cazenovia College Equine Education Center was full with 30 lessons and others on a waiting list. Even with a very few cancellations, wait-listed participants quickly filled those spots and we could have filled even more. Tracey did a wonderful job offering participants instruction that targeted their individual driving goals, whether dressage, cones, pleasure driving, or general improvement overall. Several members drove in multiple lessons over the course of three days, and some even brought more than one equine partner!

Tracey's quiet manner and gentle humor make her instruction accessible and enjoyable to even uncertain drivers, and she was also able to push her students to try new skills and "think outside the box" in solving questions posed by their equines. She made herself available for questions, genuinely concerned with helping each driver over the course of the weekend.

Thanks to sponsorships from Triple Crown and USEF Emerging Driver Fund, we were able to refund each driver \$25.00, one of whom donated the refund back to CVCA.

There was a sense of finality as the weekend drew to a close, as this was very likely our last time making use of this wonderful facility due to the closing of Cazenovia College. Hopefully, we can find an equally suitable location to have Tracey return in 2024!



Trisha Anselm



Sharon Baum



Joanne Shoonmaker



Cindy Torelli



Beth Bernwanger



Carol Buckout

CONES CLINIC

Featuring clinicians Sarah Reitz-Bates and Bruce Jones

Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

On Saturday June 3, at Sheffield Farm, a cones clinic was held. For many years, I have had the idea to plan/organize and hold a cones driving clinic, sponsored by the CVCA. I do believe it has been many years since a clinic of this type has been held. In 2023, this idea came to fruition. I know that many CVCA members enjoy driving cones courses and would benefit greatly from learning from both Sarah and Bruce. Sarah's results speak for themselves, with her multiple wins in various east coast combined driving events. Add in Bruce's knowledge and experience of carriage driving, as well as his involvement being an ADS course designer for almost 10 years. I felt the clinic participants, as well as the auditors who attended, would benefit greatly from this clinic. Based on comments that were received after the clinic, I would say this clinic was a great success!

The clinic was limited to 10 participants. There was unlimited room for auditors, of which there were 8. A pop-up tent was set up to provide shade for those watching. A sound system was set up, so that all could hear what Sarah was saying to each driver as they drove the course. Both of these things were a definite plus for all watching and much appreciated. Sarah and Bruce, from High Hopes Farm in Honeoye Falls were awesome. They spent ample time with each participant, sharing/giving hints and suggestions on how to improve cones course driving skills, as well as strategizing on how best to approach driving a cones course. Each participant drove the pre-set course multiple times. The atmosphere was light-hearted, and encouraging, yet focused on learning. During the lunch break between the morning and afternoon sessions, there was time to ask questions of both clinicians. There were many positives about the day: the weather was perfect! The CVCA gained 3 new members as a result of this clinic!

There are many people to thank for the success of this clinic. To Sheffield Farm owners, Jan and Sue Suwinski, for hosting the event. To Sue Sheffer for her guidance and knowledge in helping me plan and organize this event. To our clinicians, Sarah and Bruce, for sharing your expertise and knowledge on driving cones courses. To all clinic participants and auditors: thank you for coming! Because, without your attendance, this clinic wouldn't have happened, or been the success it was! Thanks for all your kind words, comments and suggestions. Much appreciated! Based on the response, it is possible there could be a 2024 version of this type of clinic. Perhaps, 2 days, to include obstacles and hazards. Time will tell!



Photo Credits Judy Sobczak

SHEFFIELD FARM PLEASURE DRIVE and FUN DAY

Calling all CVCA members! I hope you have marked on your calendar the date of: **Saturday August 19. *There will be NO rain date***. This is the date of the annual Sheffield Farm pleasure drive and fun day. The event will be held at Sheffield Farm in Ithaca, NY. Make plans to spend the entire day, if you can.

The theme for this year's event: "The Great North American Bear Hunt". There will be a costume contest based on this theme. Even though Elmer Fud usually "hunted" for rabbits, perhaps, he'll make an appearance at this event, looking for "bears". ☺

Riders, as well as carriage drivers are welcome! Even if you don't have a horse or pony that you are currently driving or riding, please to attend anyway! Non-CVCA members are welcome to attend. You must pay a \$5 non-membership fee to participate.

The day will begin with hot beverages, as well as doughnuts at 9 am. The pleasure drive begins, (at will) at approximately 10 am. Around 12-12:30'ish, we'll break for a dish to pass lunch. The main meat dish, as well as paper products, utensils and cold drinks will be provided by the CVCA. Following lunch, everyone is welcome to re-hitch in order to enjoy an afternoon of driving games and the "famous" costume contest which is based on the theme of the day. There will be prizes, lots of laughs and fun!

Some info about the pleasure drive: it will be totally off road. Approximate length/distance: 4-5 miles. The course will be flat. There may be a water splash and a wooden bridge to cross. During the drive you will travel through the fields and woodlands of Sheffield Farm. You may even be lucky enough to cross paths with some of the wildlife that call Sheffield Farm home.

Please RSVP to Judy by Saturday August 12 at: judy.carriagedriver1@gmail.com. There will be a limited number of stalls available. Contact Judy if you need/would like a stall. Any questions, please contact Judy.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on August 19!

Central New York Day Trips

submitted by Gary Slate, Vice President of Central Region, New Yo

Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 10am to 4pm is the day when Madison County presents the Open Farm Day. We have marked our calendars for this for several years, and are never disappointed. Each year a new selection of farms is open to the public to come see what unique crop or livestock is offered. The county map is divided into four quadrants, with very accurate road maps, to allow anyone to find each of the 26 farms participating this year. Most people will find it difficult to visit more than three or four farms, so check out the website at <http://openfarmdaymadisoncounty.com>, and decide which farms you want to see. Prepare to be amazed at what you can see, from a buffalo farm, genuine long horn cattle, mushroom farm, or equine therapy at Arise at the Farm. If you check in at the welcome table at each farm you visit, you qualify for a “giveaway bag” at your third farm. You will gain appreciation for Madison County, and will wish your county would try something similar.



CARRIAGE CONSERVATION and PRESERVATION:

IMPORTANT or NOT?

Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

Part of the mission statement of the CVCA is to learn about carriages, provide the tools/education for learning and also to learn about conserving and/or preserving carriages. On Saturday May 20, the Lorenzo Historical Society presented a talk given by Ms. Merri Ferrell, curator of carriages at the Long Island Museum, (formally known as The Museums at Stony Brook.) This talk was just a small tip of learning all that is involved with saving carriages from “fading” away, along with their history. This program was a rare treat, indeed. It was too bad that the timing/scheduling of this talk conflicted with the CVCA sponsored Tracey Morgan driving clinic. Ms. Ferrell has created a ground breaking conservation program for horse drawn vehicles. She is a preservation advocate and continues as a consultant for the Long Island Museum. Since 2003, she has been cataloging the Brewster & Company drawings for the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC. Surprisingly, this was Ms. Ferrell’s first time to the Cazenovia area and she was able to tour, (briefly) the Lorenzo carriage collection before her talk. Her presentation focused on the efforts and importance of preserving and/or conserving carriages. Many carriages have historical significance, and if they aren’t cared for properly, they will be lost as well as the history behind these vehicles. She also discussed some of the many carriage builders that once had a thriving business. Some larger manufacturers of carriages would have, all under the same roof, or maybe in adjoining buildings, all the various craftsmen that were involved in making a vehicle: from woodworkers, iron workers, wheelwrights, etc. For her presentation, Ms. Ferrell used an “old fashioned” slide carousel and slides! Which, I thought was very cool. I guess, all in keeping with the theme of her presentation. Perhaps, in 2024, the CVCA could arrange to have Ms. Ferrell speak at a CVCA event.

Out and About

Royal Windsor Horse show 2023

The Carriage Association of America held a drawing to win a trip for two to the Royal Windsor Horse show. This drawing was used to increase their membership. I enrolled three new members for the CAA and had my name thrown into the hat three times. In December when they drew the winner, I was the lucky winner.

We arrived in England on May 6th which was also Coronation weekend which was the coronation of King Charles the 3rd. The first few days of the trip we visited London and the Royal Wisley Gardens.

On May 8th we checked in to the Christopher Hotel. The Christopher is an old Coaching Inn in Eton which is a short walk to the Windsor show grounds. Tuesday evening, we had dinner and drinks with the other 50 CAA members on the trip. It was so much fun meeting horse and carriage enthusiasts from the USA and around the world.

On Wednesday we had a busy day. In the morning we had a private tour of the Royal Windsor Mews at Windsor Castle. The Royal Windsor Mews is not open to the public. The Windsor mews is where the royal family members keep their horses and ponies. I enjoyed seeing the carriages and horses and ponies driven by the royal family.

In the afternoon we had an Afternoon Tea River Thames boat trip. It was a wonderful way to see the countryside and enjoy a full English Tea with delicious treats. Drinks and dinner back at the Inn and then resting up for the beginning of the show.

On Thursday morning we walked to the show grounds and we entered the members only tent to begin the day. We were honored to be members of the show which gave us some special treatment. After we received our booklets and pins, we were given a private behind scenes visit with the Kings troop. It was exciting to see all the young soldiers preparing for the presentation of the Kings Troop. In the evening we had an after hours visit to the Windsor castle. We were exposed to such an amazing amount of English history.

The Royal Windsor Horse show is held on the Private grounds of Windsor Castle Home Park from the 10th-14th. We were able to observe different equestrian competitions across five arenas and the surrounding estate. Including, show jumping, dressage, driving and showing of native ponies. It was an amazing 4 days to see so many horse activities in one area, my favorite was the top-level driving events and all the beautiful carriages. Also, the Shetland pony races were great fun. I also enjoyed watching all the Native pony breeds being showed in the numerous rings. And of course, lots of good food and shopping for horse related items. It was an amazing trip and the CAA really treat you like Royalty. I would recommend that you sign up for next year. Happy Driving!

Paul Buck

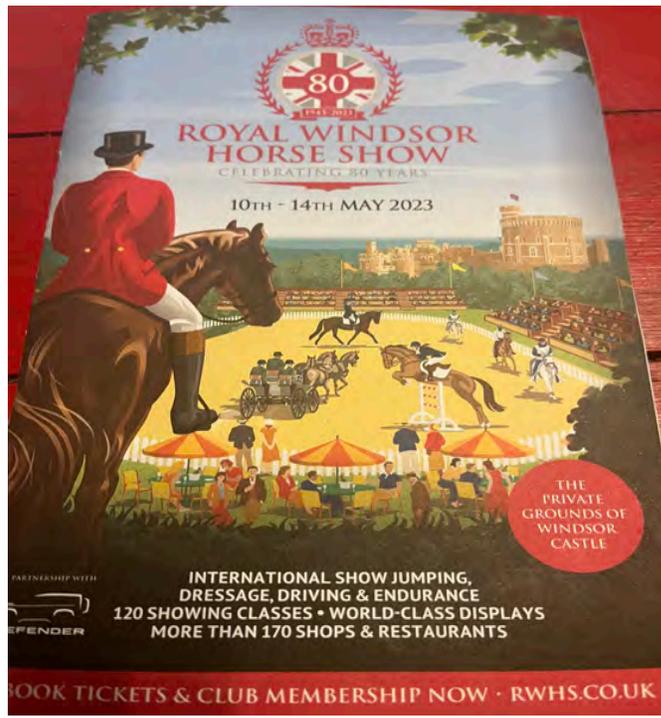


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Out and About



CVCA members in the showing!

CVCA members Diana Hildreth and Tricia Anselm attended the Barneveld Horseman's Association driving show June 18.

Huckleberry Finn with Diana won Working Pleasure and Reinsmanship and took 2nd in both Cones classes in the Novice division, to be named Novice Champion!

Chip and Tricia Anselm won Working Pleasure, Reinsmanship, and Timed Obstacles, with a 5th in the Special Obstacles class to be named Pony Champion.

The following weekend, both pairs traveled to Batavia to the Northampton Driving Society show at Silver Shoe Farm, again bringing home ribbons in every class!



CARRIAGE DRIVING EVENTS FOR 2023

Support and/or participate in any of these events if you can. If the support isn't there, some of these events could go away...forever. This is not a final, comprehensive list of 2023 events. As more events are scheduled, they will be added in upcoming CVCA newsletters. These are events being planned by other NYS and surrounding states carriage driving clubs. CVCA 2023 events are listed on the front page of this newsletter. If/when you hear of any additional carriage driving events, please email me with the information. (jes41@cornell.edu).

Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club: (GVRDC) (www.gvrdc.org)

September 9-10: Combined driving show

Barneveld Horsemen's Association: (BHA) (www.bhahorse.com)

Sept. 23: Fun driving show

Green Mountain Horse Association: (GMHA) (www.gmhainc.org)

August 25-27: CT and CDE

September 22-24: Fall driving trial

Lorenzo Driving Competition: (LDC) (www.lorenzodriving.org)

July 14-16

Colonial Carriage Association: (www.colonialcarriage.org)

August 10-14: Orleton Farm pleasure driving show

Western New York Combined Carriage Association: (WNYCCA) (www.wnycca.org)

July 29-30: Pleasure driving show Avon Driving Park

Sept 21-24: NERFD: (North East Regional Fun Drive)

Oct. 15: Fall Trail Challenge

ECHO:

August 20, September 17, October 29

Saratoga Driving Association: (SDA) (www.saratogadriving.com)

Oct. 1: Schooling Driving Trial Akers Acres, Valatie, NY



This years Raffle item, packed with so many goodies we're keeping it's contents a secretfor now !

*Get you tickets ,contact any board member ,
or visit our booth at Lorenzo !*

Still have an item to add, we'll take those too !

Drawing at November Meeting



Get yours ordered Today !



Name _____ Phone _____

Total \$ _____ Cash or check only, no Debit or Credit Cards

Item Name	ITEM	COST
Hoody	4997M	\$32.00
Long Sleeve T	PC61LS	\$20.00
Ladies T	LPC61	\$18.00
Regular T	PC61	\$18.00
V-Neck Ladies T	LPC450V	\$18.00
Crew Sweatshirt	4662M	\$25.00
Polo Men's	K8000	\$25.00
Polo Ladies	LK8000	\$25.00

Add \$3.00 for plus sizes

Item Name	ITEM	COLOR	XS	S	M	LRG	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Hoody	4997M									
Long Sleeve T	PC61LS									
Ladies T	LPC61									
Regular T	PC61									
V-Neck Ladies T	LPC450V									
Crew Sweatshirt	4662M									
Polo Men's	K8000									
Polo Ladies	LK8000									

Color Choice - Maroon or Navy

Logo Placement - F = front (large logo); B = back (large logo); or LC = left chest (small logo)
add F, B or LC in the color box

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Courtesy of Aunt Suzi's Sewing, Oneonta, NY 13820



Hitching Up



From the Estate of Elfie Powell

Zilco cob sized harness \$900
with reins and bridle
two different sized saddles
includes storage bag.

2017 Hardwick Puddle Jumper \$5,000
28" wheel, flat hubs
Back 41" between shafts, narrowest at front 29"
Shafts set at 63" but extendable.
Box on back for weight, rear brakes. Lightly used.

Pristine Bell crown 2 wheel cart \$2,500
34" wheel, flat hubs,
Width between shafts 38" back, 25" inside at narrowest point.
57" single tree to end of shafts but extends to 60".
Weight transfer seat. Easy entry front
Comes with full Bench seat. Lightly used.

All kept in barn, dusty but in excellent shape. Priced to sell so Prices are firm.

Interested call or text Teresa Jackson 315-536-6572



Pictures of BellCrown cart above



Pictures of the Puddle Jumper Above

A Note From the Editor

*I hope that you all received the new E mail address for the Club.
CVCAEditor@gmail.com*

*All Newsletters will be sent from this address the name should read "Cherry Valley" in your inbox. **Please use this address to submit articles or correspondence as well.***

Now, who likes to read the same old boring stuff?, not me

***PLEASE !, (pretty pretty please) send us
your submissions***

let us know what you have been up to in our "Out and About" section or if you are looking to sell or buy anything equine related in our "Hitching Up" section.

We also welcome submissions for the "Rainbow Bridge" for our departed companions.

*We'd love to hear what you have going on !
Don't be shy ! send us your articles !*

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