

THE DRIVING LINES



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2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 13th 7:00 pm: Webinar: CAA Events
Spotlighting The Traditional Day of Driving with Jill
Ryder, CAA

February 12th: Hay – It's What's for Dinner 1:00 –
3:00 p.m. - Forage Analysis with Carol Buckhout
and Wendy Soucy, Cazenovia College Equine
Center

March 12th: General Membership Meeting 1:00 –
3:00 p.m. - The Carriages and History of the
Lorenzo Carriage Collection, Visitor/Education
Center Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia

April 2022: Intro to Driving Workshops Details
TBA

May 8th: Bruce Haak Memorial drive Chenango
Valley State Park

May 13 - 14th: Robin Groves Clinic, Cazenovia
College Equine Center

June 4th: Novice Clinic, Sheffield Farm

July 10th: Lorenzo Driving Competition Work-Day
& Summer Picnic

July 15 - 17th: Lorenzo Driving Competition

August 20th: Sheffield Farm Pleasure Drive and
Fun Day (rain date 8/22)

September 17th: Sadoff Davies Pleasure Drive
(rain date 9/19)

November 5th: Annual General Membership Meeting

Upcoming Events

March Membership Meeting

Date: March 12th (snow date 13th)

Time: 1-3 pm

Place: Lorenzo Visitor/Education Center
17 Rippleton Rd Cazenovia, NY 13035

Our 2022 location will be the historic Lorenzo State Historic Site, don't miss the opportunity to view the carriage collections located in the carriage barns (also known as visitors center) and the more extensive, and not restored collection located in the separate collection barn. Attendees will learn about the history of the collections along with the history of Lorenzo itself. A brief membership meeting will be included during the event. Light refreshments will be provided



RSVP by Thursday March 10, 2022 to
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President's Letter

Greetings!

I am writing this on President's Day, temperatures soared into the low 50s here. Russ and I both hitched horses and enjoyed the warm sunshine! The horses were ready to kick up their heels too!

2022 is off to a great start CVCA has held two well attended events with plenty more ahead! A big shout out to Paul Buck, Carol Buckhout and Wendy Soucy for their roles in planning and bringing us our 1st two club events! The webinar with Jill Ryder in January allowed all to attend from the warm comforts of home and the February event at Cazenovia College Equine Center was a welcome opportunity to see fellow CVCA members and take in wonderful information about the important role of quality forage in our horse's diet.

I hope you all have March 12th on your calendars and are looking forward to a real treat as we have the chance to tour the Lorenzo mansion and carriage collections and take a glimpse into history and the role of horse and carriage in the lives of the families that once called Lorenzo home. We will also be drawing the winning raffle ticket for a pair of heated gloves!

Our 2022 calendar of events is found elsewhere in this issue as well as details on events scheduled in the coming months. There have been a few changes to the 2022 calendar of events, so be sure to take note, you won't want to miss out!

Stay tuned for news of an event still in development for April. Watch for details in the weekly emails. May will feature our 1st pleasure drive of the year; the Bruce Haak Memorial has been moved from October to May. We are looking for suggestions for an October pleasure drive. Any ideas?

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

Set your sights on our March meeting, see you there! In the meantime, hitch up and drive safely!

Judy

CVCA March Raffle



This year's winter raffle is for a pair of heated gloves! They are perfect for sleigh rides and doing morning and evening and mid-day chores especially on our cold CNY days! Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00 or 12 for \$10. The winner will be drawn at the March Membership Meeting on March 12th.

Hay – It's What's for Dinner wrap-up

It was a cold February Saturday afternoon, but a cohort of 28 CVCA and Limestone Creek Pony club members donned their warm boots, hats and gloves to spend 2 hours learning about the ins and outs of forage testing and how to interpret the results. CVCA members Wendy Soucy and Carol Buckhout led the discussion that included the topics of assessing body condition scores, top line evaluation and determining a horse's body weight. Each of those aspects help to determine the quantity and quality of forage in a horse's diet. Cazenovia College's Haflinger gelding, Teddy, served as the perfect model for this part of the program. Attendees next observed how to correctly sample hay for analysis, using a hay corer, and discussed how to sample pasture forage as well.

Back in the warm classroom, a slide presentation of what happens at Equi-Analytical's forage lab provided insight into how a hay sample is handled and analyzed once it reaches the lab. Finally, how to interpret and utilize the results rounded out the remainder of the program. As part of her position with Triple Crown Feeds, Wendy shared what aspects of a forage analysis she especially pays attention to with her clients. Today's horse owners are often concerned with sugars in their forages which is best measured by the combination of Water Soluble Carbohydrates (WSC) and starch. A horse with metabolic challenges is best served by forages with the combination of those two measurements at 12% or less. Other parameters that were discussed included fiber measurements such as Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF) and Neutral Detergent Fiber (NDF). The ADF content indicates the overall digestibility of the forage. An ideal ADF value is 31% or less; the higher the value, the more hay needs to be fed to compensate for the forage's lack of digestible fiber. NDF is the best estimate of total fiber content and an NDF value in the range of 35% -55% indicates a higher quality forage. If a horse is not interested in eating a particular hay, it's likely that the NDF value is greater than 55%.

Other important values from a forage analysis to consider include Digestible Energy (DE) and Crude Protein (CP). DE is the calorie yield of the forage and is measured in megacalories per pound of forage. The Crude Protein measures the nitrogen value of the forage, but does not indicate protein quality, which is based on the forage amino acid content.

Attendees reacted positively to the usefulness of having hay analyzed, especially when it came to understanding the information that the analysis report can provide. The blend of CVCA and Pony Club members was extremely positive and the use of the Cazenovia College Equine Education Center for an in-person event provided for comradery and connections that we have been missing.

Photo credits: Provided by Judy Cary



Choosing a quality Hay

- Color
- Smell
- Mold
- Leaf & Stem
- Weeds
- Free of debris
- Will your horse eat it?

• What does the hay test tell you



Cherry Valley Carriage Association presents

Robin Groves CLINIC

May 13, 14 & 15, 2022

**CAZENOVIA
COLLEGE
EQUINE
CENTER**

Woodfield Rd,
Cazenovia, NY
13035



Robin Groves and her husband Wilson, own and operate R & W Horsedrawn services in Brownsville, VT. She is a knowledgeable equestrian being involved in eventing, dressage, jumping, competitive trail, endurance, pleasure show and CDE driving. Robin was a member of two US Combined Driving teams competing in the World Singles Championships in 2008 and 2010. An important aspect of her success is a well-planned and individual approach to the conditioning and nutritional programs of the horses that she works with.

Each lesson will last 45 minutes and will be tailored to the wishes of the participant.

Singles and pairs - **drivers and riders are welcome.**
C.V.C.A. members are given priority

Registration now open

Each driver is required to bring their own assistant.

45-minute lessons at **\$110** per lesson for CVCA and/or CNYD&CTA Members

45-minute lessons at **\$135** per lesson for Non- Members

Stalls are **\$27 per day or night** (*bring your own feed and bedding*)

Auditors: Welcome; Members – Free, Guests \$10/day

Helmets required when seated in vehicle or mounted
Masks required when indoor stabling areas and arena

Robin Groves Clinic Registration

Hosted by Cherry Valley Carriage Assn. at Cazenovia College Equine Center

May 13, 14 & 15, 2022

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PREFERRED PHONE : _____ EMAIL: _____

☐ I'd like a lesson with my horse/pony for: ☐ 1 session ☐ 2 sessions ☐ 3 sessions

Indicate Preference (1st, 2nd or both): ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday

CVCA Members- No. of sessions _____ X \$110 per session =

Non-CVCA Members- No. of sessions _____ X \$135 per session = \$ _____
LESSON FEE

☐ **STALL(s): YES / NO** *(you clean stalls & provide all feed and bedding; strip stall upon departure; please bring your own stall cleaning utensils. Stalls open at 3 p.m. on Thursday; Facilities close at 10 p.m.)*

If yes, please indicate:

Thur # of stalls:____ + Fri # of stalls:____ + Sat # of stalls:____ + Sun # of stalls:____ =

Total # of stalls _____ X \$27 = \$ _____
STALL FEE

☐ **DONATION to CVCA (optional)** \$ _____
DONATION

Should you have to cancel, we will gladly refund your registration fee(s) if we are able to fill the slot(s)

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT

Robin Groves Clinic Registration

Hosted by Cherry Valley Carriage Assn at Cazenovia College Equine Center

May 13, 14 & 15, 2022

If you are bringing a horse(s) to the clinic, please submit this page for each turnout along with registration page above.

Driver/Rider NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PREFERRED PHONE : _____ EMAIL: _____

GROOM'S NAME: _____

I will participate as (check all that apply):

☐ Driving Single ☐ Driving Pair ☐ Rider ☐ Long-lining

HORSE'S NAME(s): _____ HORSE'S AGE: _____

HORSE'S BREED: _____ HORSE'S SIZE: _____

HORSE'S EXPERIENCE LEVEL: _____

What would you like to work on? *(Please be specific; Robin wants to help you achieve your goals and needs to know what they are!)*

**FOR EACH HORSE, PLEASE ENCLOSE COPIES OF CURRENT RABIES
VACCINATION PLUS CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS WITH PAYMENT
AND REGISTRATION FORM(S)**

Note: OUT OF STATE HORSES MUST HAVE CURRENT CVI

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

CHERRY VALLEY CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION

**MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION and CHECK FOR THE FULL AMOUNT and
COPIES OF CURRENT RABIES AND NEGATIVE COGGINS AND CVI (CVI FOR OUT-OF-STATE
HORSES ONLY) TO:**

Judy Cary
3877 W. Milestrip Road
Canastota, NY 13032

Questions? Contact Judy at 315-247-5884 or email at hhep@citlink.net

DRIVING EVENTS FOR 2022

In an effort to keep everyone informed of the planned driving events for 2022, a list is being compiled, based on information requested from the various driving clubs in NYS. The hope is that by doing so, the chance of numerous events being planned/held on the same day will, (or, could be) reduced. This may not be possible, as everyone knows, there are only so many Sundays/Saturdays, and even Fridays in the summer/fall months in which to hold driving events. We need to work together when planning events, not working against each other. Perhaps, with a comprehensive list, participation will be increased at all events and it will be used as an aid, allowing people to better plan their driving schedule. This is only the beginning. The shows and events listed are the ones that I have been made aware of, based on information received from the driving clubs that I contacted. (This list is current as of 2/18). This list is a work in progress. If any CVCA member knows of other events that haven't been included, please let either Judy Sobczak: jes41@cornell.edu or Donna Sharkey: aulexaron@aol.com know. Thanks! All 2022 CVCA events can be found on the front page, left hand side of each issue of "The Driving Lines".

Western New York Combined Carriage Association: (WNYCCA) has quite a few events planned for 2022. www.wnycca.org.

ECHO's: (Equine Cones Hazards Obstacles)

April 23: ECHO Educational clinic, Cazenovia College Equine Educational Center

April 24: ECHO competition, Caz College

May 21: ECHO educational clinic, Avon Driving Park

May 22: ECHO competition, Avon Driving Park

June 12: ECHO competition, Raspberry Hill Farm

July 24: ECHO competition, High Hopes Farm

August 21: ECHO competition, Cornerstone Farm

October 30: ECHO Spooktacular, Judson's Farm

Other WNYCCA Sponsored Events:

May 21: Spring Training CT, Avon Driving Park

July 30/31: Pleasure Driving show, Avon Driving Park

September 15-18: NERFD: North East Region Fun Drive, Mystic Mountain Campgrounds, Moravia, NY

Saratoga Driving Club: (www.saratogadriving.com)

June 4: Marathon and Cones Clinic, Marc Johnson, clinician. Akers Acres, Valatie, NY

October 1/2: CT/DT, Orleton Farm, Massachusetts

Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club: (GVRDC): (dannyannefarm@yahoo.com.)

June 18/19: Driving clinic. Keith Angstodt, clinician. Hideaway Farm, Geneseo

Sept. 3/4: DT, Hideaway Farm, Geneseo.

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

June 26: Pleasure Driving show

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

August 26-28: CDE

Colonial Carriage Association & Orleton Farm: (www.colonialcarriage.org)

August 11-14: CT and Pleasure Driving show. Orleton Farm

Carriage Association of America: (CAA) (www.caaonline.com)

June 10-12: Sporting Day of Traditional Driving. Wethersfield Estate, Millbrook, NY.
Participation open to CAA members only.

Northampton Driving Society: (NDS) (www.northamptondringsociety.org) at

Silver Shoe Farm, Batavia NY

June 19: Pleasure Driving Show Location: TBA



Cherry Valley Carriage Association

Novice Clinic **Featuring Jillian Stroh**

Saturday, June 4 2022
Sheffield Farm
445 Sheffield Road, Ithaca, NY

9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Drinks and pre-packaged snacks will be provided.
Clinic participants, please bring your own lunch.



This clinic is for novice drivers who have their own horse/pony to drive and who understand the basics of carriage driving, harnessing, hitching and safety. The goal is to offer a safe, welcoming environment under the guidance of a professional.

Meet the Clinician

Jillian (Gemmell) Strohs love of animals started at a young age. She has been working with horses over two decades. Although her initial training was in the saddle, it wasn't long before she was carriage driving full time, beginning her competitive career as a teenager with her Haflinger gelding, Nolan One

After graduating high school, Jillian became a working student for four-time national champion Muffy Seaton of Shepherds Purse Farm in Williston, SC. As a working student Jillian regularly drove singles, pairs, tendems and four in hands, working with a variety of breeds in both combined and pleasure driving

Jillian returned to Central New York in 2009 and began to build what is now Mountain Thyme Training, while simultaneously obtaining her associates degree in agricultural business from Morrisville State College .

From 2008-2012, Jillian was full time navigator and groom for Australian driver Janelle Marshall. At the 2011 World Pony Driving Championship in Solvenia ,Jannell, Jillian and Jannells pony, Captian Jack Sparrow finished 18th out of a field of 31., expanding Jillians competition experienceto the International level.

Jillian trains out of Freshwind Farm LLC in Eaton, NY where she is available for lessons, training, clinics and educational seminars

Clinic Info

Helmets required for all drivers. No exceptions.
Junior drivers must be accompanied by an adult.

Lesson spots limited to 8.

Each lesson: 50 minutes.

A safety check will be performed prior to the start of each lesson.

Lessons available for: singles/pairs/ground driving/long lining.

All drivers must provide their own groom (no fee for groom).

Auditors are welcome,

Area/region health will be monitored leading up to the clinic.

Health and safety protocol will be in place.

Current, (2022) CVCA members will be given priority, if registered by May 18th

Registration is now open!
Clinic registration ends May 28th .

CVCA Novice Clinic Registration
with Jillian Stroh

Hosted by Cherry Valley Carriage Assn at Sheffield Farm, Ithaca
Saturday, June 4, 2022

Registration Now Open; deadline is May 28th

C.V.C.A. member Novice Drivers are given priority if registered by May 19th

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PREFERRED PHONE : _____ EMAIL: _____

☐ I don't want a lesson but want to AUDIT .All auditors must pre-register

Current (2022) CVCA members: Free

Non-CVCA/ members: \$5

\$ _____
AUDIT FEE

☐ I'd like a lesson with my horse:

CVCA Member Junior Driver- \$30 per session =

\$ _____

CVCA Member Adult Driver- \$50 per session =

\$ _____

Non-CVCA Member Novice Driver - \$75* per session* =

\$ _____

**Includes single 2022 CVCA membership*

Priority given to CVCA Members if registered by May 18th

\$ _____
LESSON FEE

☐ DONATION to CVCA (optional)

\$ _____
DONATION

*Should you have to cancel, we will gladly refund your
Registration Fee if we can fill your spot(s) for this clinic*

Enclosed is a check to CVCA for: \$ _____
TOTAL CLINIC AMOUNT

CVCA Novice Clinic Registration
with Jillian Stroh

Hosted by Cherry Valley Carriage Association at Sheffield Farm, Ithaca
Saturday, June 4, 2022

Registration Now Open; deadline is May 28th

C.V.C.A. member Novice Drivers are given priority if registered by May 18th

If you are bringing a horse to the clinic, please submit this page with registration.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PREFERRED PHONE : _____ EMAIL: _____

GROOM'S NAME: _____

I will participate as:

☐ Driving Single ☐ Driving Pair ☐ Long-lining

HORSE'S NAME: _____ HORSE'S AGE: _____

HORSE'S BREED: _____ HORSE'S SIZE: _____

HORSE'S EXPERIENCE LEVEL: _____

What is your focus? *(Please be specific; Jillian wants to help you achieve your goals)*

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VACCINATION PLUS CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS WITH PAYMENT
AND REGISTRATION FORM(S)**

OUT OF STATE HORSES MUST HAVE CURRENT CVI

Registration Now Open; deadline is May 28th

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHERRY VALLEY CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION or
Use the PayPal "Donate" button on the CVCA website: <https://cherryvalleycarriage.com>

**MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION and CHECK FOR THE FULL AMOUNT and
COPIES OF CURRENT RABIES AND NEGATIVE COGGINS AND CVI (CVI FOR OUT-
OF-STATE HORSES ONLY) TO:**

Judy Sobczak, 445 Sheffield Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

Questions? Contact Judy at 607-220-7955 or email at jes41@cornell.edu

Overnight and day stabling available, contact Judy for more information and pricing

INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE SYMPOSIUM WRAP-UP

Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

I recently had the pleasure of attending a carriage driving educational event, which has long been on my carriage driving “bucket list”. Every 2 years, the Carriage Association of America, (CAA) puts together a wonderful symposium for members to attend. For many years this event was held at Colonial Williamsburg, Va. 4 years ago, it was decided to switch the location, to a place that would provide more ease of travel, for all that planned to attend. It certainly was extremely easy for me to travel to, as I decided to fly, rather than drive. I didn’t want to risk the unpredictable winter weather impeding my journey, in order to travel to Virginia. A bonus for me: the nearby Ithaca Airport offered a non-stop flight to Dulles International Airport, just 2 ½ miles from the Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel, which was the site of the symposium. Wonderful accommodations, and of course, plenty of delicious food to enjoy! It is true, when traveling with or participating at a CAA event, you do not go hungry!

When I began to think about/consider attending this event, I had some hesitation. I’m not someone who is comfortable in a large group setting, especially when I basically know no one else in the room. I have a tendency to stay by myself, maybe making feeble attempts to speak to a few people that I don’t know. Add in the on-going Covid 19 issues. Would this event really happen? Would I feel safe in attending? In the end, I decided to attend. I felt confident in my ability to keep myself safe as well as the hotels policies for keeping everyone safe.

Getting back to my not knowing others that would be attending this symposium, I know both Jill Ryder and Kathleen Haak. Since I’ve been a regular attendee of Jill’s Tea and Tales talks on Thursday afternoons, I felt like I already knew some of the CAA members who would be attending the symposium. Now I would have the opportunity to meet them in person. I honestly don’t know why I was worried that I would feel uncomfortable and awkward! Far from it! I felt at ease immediately. Everyone was so welcoming. It was great meeting everyone face to face.

As the name implies, this was an international symposium. Speakers were from The Netherlands, Sweden, England, France, as well as speakers from the U.S. It was truly a wonderful lineup. The name of the 2022 version of the symposium was titled: “Roads, Rivers and Romanies”. There were talks were centered around the title: be it traveling the roads of Yellowstone Park in the 1800’s, gazing at the beauty of the Shenandoah river or living in a Romanie vehicle. There was a wide range of topics that were presented, and something of interest for everyone. Just a small example of topics that were discussed: the Royal carriages of Sweden. 2 different films about carriage collections located in France and Spain, restoring carriage lamps, and the sporting art of Alfred Munnings. There was even a tutorial about the CAA website and the use of social media. The use of computer technology was very much in evidence during this symposium. Because of the various travel restrictions caused by Covid, all the international speakers, with the exception of one, were unable to join in person. But, because of the beauty of technology, (I can’t believe I said that!), the international speakers were able to join via Zoom.

Besides the in-hotel presentations, tours of 2 different farms were part of this symposium. On Friday afternoon, we all headed out for farm/carriage collection tours. Our first stop: Whitestone Farm, home of award winning Black Angus cattle. Whitestone Farm is owned by Mr. George Lemm, and managed by Mr. Mark Duffell. Though they no longer show their cattle, their show ring success has had a lasting impression in the beef cattle industry. They hold a yearly auction of young stock. This event is always well attended. The farm has recently gotten involved in carriage driving, and has already experienced great success in the show ring. They also have a small carriage collection, with quite a few very nice vehicles. Both Mr. Lemm and Duffell are huge supporters of the CAA. Lunch on Friday was provided by Whitestone Farm, featuring their farm grown beef. As we entered the conference room at Whitefield Farm, we were greeted by either Mr. Lemm or Mr. Duffell and handed a glass of champagne. After lunch, everyone enjoyed cake in honor of the CAA's 60th anniversary year. Following lunch, carriage viewing and conversation, we headed to our next farm destination: Ayrshire Farm, owned by Ms. Sandy Lerner. This farm is a blend of old-fashioned farming techniques, contemporary agricultural science and the ideals of environmental stewardship. Among the rare breeds that reside at Ayrshire Farm are: Shire horses, Scottish Highland cattle, Gloucestershire Old Spot hogs and several breeds of free-range chickens and turkeys. We had the opportunity to "meet" some of the Shires that reside at the farm, check out the harness room, that had an Italian made show harness for the 4 in hand team on display. Wow! We also had the chance to look at Ms. Lerner's carriage collection that included 2 Skeleton breaks, sleighs, a brewery dray and numerous Brewster vehicles. To end our visit, we gathered for a group photo with a rare white Shire. (I can't remember his name! He certainly had a huge personality...in good way!).

This symposium was a great way to start off the CAA's 60th anniversary year! Many, many thanks and kudos to Jill Ryder, Kathleen Haak and Ken Wheeling for planning and organizing this event! I can honestly say that I'm so glad I decided to attend this symposium! Well worth the trip! I'm looking forward to the 2024 version, and I think you should, as well! CAA trips and events are definitely great additions to your personal carriage driving "bucket list". You won't be disappointed!

Learning a New Alphabet

Submitted By Gloria Waro

In March 2019 my husband and I took the drive to Cazenovia to attend the CVCA Membership Meeting. We knew no one and had no idea what to expect. We knew we wanted to learn to drive, I had just invested in a pony with some training, had decided that the time was right to invest in a driving future and I knew I needed an instructor. The members made us feel welcome from the beginning. There had been mention of the ADS (American Driving Society) regulations during the discussion about the upcoming Lorenzo Competition. I wrote the acronym down for further research. The guest speaker for the meeting was Paul Buck. He gave a slide show presentation on his CAA (Carriage Association of America) Argentina Trip. The carriages were awesome. I had heard of the CAA, but assumed it was for drivers of coaches and four in hand turnouts – you know, those people who grew up in the prestigious culture. During Paul's presentation I learned that the CAA was all about preservation and restoration of horse drawn vehicles. By the time we left the meeting we were full from the scrumptious pot luck luncheon, I was clutching the contact information for a highly recommended Instructor, and I knew I had found my herd. I left the meeting with a ton of notes to find out what this CAA thing was all about. And what about the other alphabet scramble – the ADS? I couldn't wait to get home and hit the web.

I started with ADS (after all the alphabet starts with “A”)! The American Driving Society was established in 1974 to support carriage drivers in the USA and Canada. As a parent to dressage riders I knew about oversight organizations like the USDF and USEF. I had heard of ADS recognized shows. I had never given a thought to becoming a member of such an organization because I thought it was only for drivers who wanted to compete in the show ring. Wrong, again. The ADS is a wealth of information and has plenty to offer the non-show, or recreational, driver. I think I had started the enrollment process before I was halfway through the site. For the \$40.00 membership fee you get the email newsletter (the Wheelhorse) eight times per year, The Whip magazine published 5 times per year, access to the education Library & videos, a national online trail guide, insurance offerings and recognition programs such as the Hours To Drive Program. We all want to drive so why not keep track of the hours we spend on the box seat and submit them for a really cool embroidered patch once we have driven 100 hours? Recognition is noted in the Whip and there are incremental awards up to 2000 hours! The ADS publishes the official Rulebook and dressage tests – all available to members on the website. I spent quite some time exploring the well-done website. I was a goner – sign me up! And then I saw a link for the Driver Proficiency Program. I knew I wanted to drive so why not be a proficient driver? I clicked the link and was immediately delivered to the CAA website.

I did a quick read through of the program and delved into the CAA site. I learned that the CAA was founded in 1960 to keep the love of horse driven carriages, carts and sleighs alive. The website is a goldmine of information, but the promise of more as a member was alluring. And then I clicked on the bookstore button. And again, I was a goner. Every imaginable driving reference was available. And one of the little “buy me” buttons was a membership. For \$65.00 a year I would have unlimited access to the CAA library. Discounts on any book I bought. A weekly email newsletter. My very own issue of The Carriage Driving Journal – mailed to me five times a year. Access to international trips and all kinds of events (true confession time – I am not much of a traveler so I will leave it to Paul and company to see these wonders and report back)! So I clicked that membership button and within days I had full access to the information. The historical data available to members is amazing!

A couple of weeks later I received my welcome packages from both ADS and CAA. They contained membership cards, recent copies of the publications and membership pins. Both organizations had granted online access within days of processing my membership requests. I have used their invaluable resources more times than I can recall. I highly recommend becoming a member of both of these organizations. It is a small investment into the sport that we love. If you do not belong to ADS or

CAA, please consider it.

If you are reading this in The Driving Lines Newsletter downloaded from the CVCA website or a copy from a CVCA member friend, please consider joining the CVCA. We are an active driving club with a mission to promote and educate on all things driving. We host educational events, pleasure drives, are actively involved in making the Lorenzo Driving Competition one of the best there is and we all LOVE to talk horses and driving. You don't have to own a horse, or a carriage, or even be a driver. Membership dues are \$25.00 for an individual and \$35.00 for a family. Our members are scattered all about the Central New York region, so we try to hold our two membership meetings in the Cazenovia area as it is central for most. We interact with other regional driving clubs – our sport knows no boundaries! We have an amazing newsletter, The Driving Lines, that is published 8 times per year and is chock full of information. I am so glad I walked into the CVCA Membership Meeting & Luncheon in March 2019. If you are interested in driving please come join us!





New York State Horse Council

I want to put a plug in for the New York State Horse Council. Cherry Valley is a member of this organization. If you are not an individual member, please consider joining this organization. If you are not familiar with the NYSHC, visit their website at <https://nyshc.org>. While there, look under the "About" section and read up on the history of the horse council. Take a look at the "Resources" section and also the "Trails" section. And while you're on the website, also look at the "Awards" section. You will notice that there is a Ride & Drive Program. Similar to the ADS Hours to Drive program, you keep track of the hours you drive (or ride) and at various milestones, you will receive a patch and even, perhaps, an award. If you are interested in this program, now is the time to register and get started keeping track of how much time you spend riding and driving. Registration and log forms can be found on the website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, JoAnne Frechette, at either jfrechette@stny.rr.com or ride.drive@nyshc.org.



Hitching Up



FOR SALE: Multiple items. 1) Pair pony trace carriers. Russet and brass. 52" in length. Like new. \$195.00.

2) Driving harness. Amish made. Black leather, with brass and patent leather. Would fit large pony. Contact me for measurements. Would make a perfect first harness for someone, or just an everyday working harness. With a bit more elbow grease, this harness could be made show ring ready. Has no bridle

\$150.00. Contact Judy Sobczak at: jes41@cornell.edu

FOR SALE: Bird-in-Hand Flyer. Would fit large pony/Cob. Measurements: Front wheels: 34". Rear wheels: 37 1/2". Shaft length: 76". Ground to dash height: 51". Brewster green, with straw pin striping. Natural wood inlay. White metal hardware. Russet leather shaft wrap. Flush hubs. Comes with many extras: 2 sets of seats. 1-Bedford Cord back rest, wedge, and flat seat. 1- black vinyl wedge and flat seat. Back rest cover. Shaft covers. Whip holder. Removable back step. Pole, with pair attachment. Was shown at Lorenzo and Walnut Hill. Photos available upon request. \$3500 Negotiable

Contact Sue Suwinski. 607-273-2018 or jsuwinski66@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Bennington Buccaneer. Would fit large pony/cob. Wheel height: 37". Shaft width, front: 24". Shaft width, rear: 35". Dash to ground height: 49" \$2800 Negotiable. Contact Sue Suwinski.

607- 273-2018 or jsuwinski66@gmail.com

For Sale: 5" Glory bit. Measured inside the cheeks. It has fixed cheeks \$70. Cindy Torelli 315 469-3787 or catpersonal99@gmail.com



SEEKING :to hire someone to transport a horse for several single day trips to driving events during the spring/summer. Must be experienced and insured. All within a 50 mile radius of Cazenovia. Must also have the capacity to haul a cart. Call or text Steve at 315-439-4167.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Sue and Jack Voss are dispersing their lifetime collection of antique carriages, harnesses, carriage accessories and appointments, horse décor, and antique automobiles.

Sue and Jack would like to offer the first sale of these items to the members of CVCA. Below is a partial list of items for sale. Looking for something specific? Sue and Jack probably have it! Just ask! Contact Sue by TEXT or EMAIL at: 315-436-8813 or jvoss1@twcny.rr.com

Items are in a climate-controlled storage facility between Manlius, NY & Cazenovia, NY.

Sue & Jack will consider reasonable offers for all items.

Photos represent a small fraction of items available!

Trap

Moyer Stanhope Surrey

Brewster Bronson Wagon

Cut under Phaeton

Brewster Piano box Runabout

Grand Union Trade Carriage

Road cart

Sleigh

Auto Top Surrey

Fringe Top Surrey

Smuckers Deluxe Harness

Lap Robes

Whips

Carriage Lamps

Coach horn

Saddles

Picnic Baskets

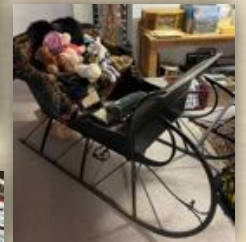
Books

Prints

Posters

Horse decor

Antique Automobiles





CVCA 2022 RAFFLE

We will again be raffling a tote filled with goodies, to be drawn at November meeting

Have something to add to this lovely tote ?

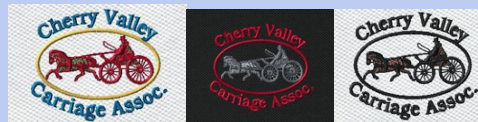
We accept both "horsey" & "non-horsey items !

LANDS' END

CVCA Logo Apparel from Lands' End

You can now order items directly from Lands' End with the CVCA Logo embroidered on them. You can even play with stitching colors!

When on <http://www.landsend.com>, go into their **Business Outfitters Area** or log into <http://business.landsend.com>. You'll have to set up your personal account with your name and email. To add the CVCA logo to your Logo Library, use the **CVCA Logo #1450555W** and the **Customer Number #6815293**. *If you'd like to order from a catalog and/or speak to a real live human, call Lands' End customer service at 1-800-338-2000.* The embroidery cost is \$7.95 per item.

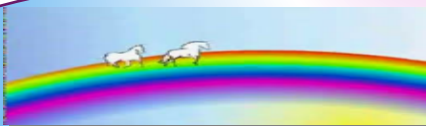


CVCA MERCHANDISE

- **Red lead ropes: SOLD OUT!**
- **40th anniversary baseball caps** in tan, navy, or royal blue: \$10.00
- **Coffee mugs** (red and black) with the CVCA logo: \$10.00

If anyone wishes to purchase any item, please contact Judy Cary at:

hhcp@citlink.net Arrangements can be made for pick-up.



*Have you a beloved equid that
you sent
"Over the Rainbow Bridge?"*

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