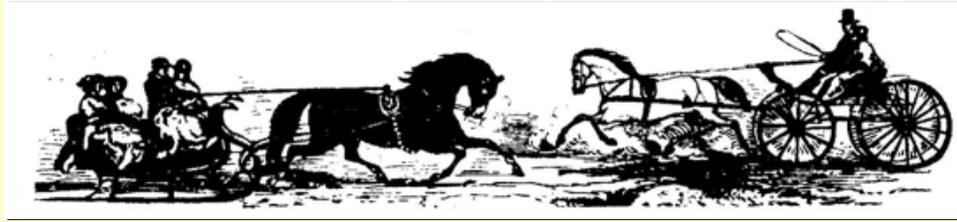


THE DRIVING LINES



CHERRY VALLEY CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION

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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

Sunday March 22nd 11:30am

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 (*contingent on participation minimum 10 maximum 20 persons pre registration will be required*)

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 TBA Sadoff -Davies Drive Cazenovia NY

September TBA Sheffield Farm fun day , Ithaca NY

October TBA Sears Family Homestead Drive Cazenovia NY

October 31st Annual General Membership Meeting

General Membership Meeting

Delphi Falls Firehouse

2260 Oran Delphi Rd, Delphi Falls, NY 13051



Bring A dish to pass and enjoy the company of other members .

Deb Marcuccilli and Judy Sobczak will give a presentation on their experience at The 2025 Worlds Pony Event

CVCA Presidents Letter February 2026

Dear CVCA members,

As we look out at the snow it's time to ready ourselves for the driving season by attending our Membership meeting coming up this March. We are going to have Deb Marcuccilli as our speaker. She will be speaking about her experience as a participant in the Para World Championships in Lahden, Germany. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the company of other like-minded carriage drivers.

We can look forward to plenty of opportunities to gather together and drive coming up this year. We will be returning to Lorenzo, Sheffield Farms, Sadoff-Davies and Judy Sear's beautiful farm. Our first pleasure drive will be in May at Chenango Valley State Park. Check out the Driving Lines for details.

The club has been given an opportunity to visit the Vet Hospital in Cornell. This would be in April. Please contact me if you are interested. It's a wonderful opportunity but we need at least 10 participants to hold this event.

Finally, we have good news to report. In May we will again be holding our emerging driver's clinic at SUNY Morrisville with Tracey Morgan as the clinician. We have received a grant for this from the USEF. Details on this and all the other events will follow.

The days are getting longer and before we know it the snow will be gone and we will be driving again. For those of you driving sleighs this winter, send along pictures so we can include those on our Facebook page. Happy New Year and.....

Drive on,

Kim

From Honeoye Falls, NY to Lahden, Germany:
My Adventures Competing at the Para Driving World Championship"

Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

Hi all CVCA members! As you know the first of 2 club membership meetings in 2026 is rapidly approaching. Mark on your calendars and make plans to attend the March membership meeting on Sunday March 22. At this meeting, after we all enjoy a delicious and wonderful dish to pass lunch, great conversation with good friends, as well as the general membership meeting, I hope you all will be looking forward to hear everything about CVCA club member Deb Marcuccilli's trip. There will be a slideshow, with photos and videos detailing Deb's trip and adventure competing as a member of Team USA Para Driving at the World Championship held in Lahden, Germany, September 4-7, 2025.

CVCA member, Judy Sobczak also went along on this fantastic journey with Deb. Judy will also be adding to the conversation, talking about her experience being part of the team support group. Assisting Team USA: Deb, Diane Kastema and Tracey Bowman before and during the competition. As well as assisting Deb in the week leading up to her competition in Lahden.

Deb and I look forward to sharing our experience with CVCA members. See everyone on March 22!



Recent Webinars

On Monday January 12th We were treated to an informative and educational webinar from Dr. Joseph Darrington, of Auburn NY ,who covered vaccination and deworming protocol from the American Association of Equine Practicioners . We hope to invite Dr. Darrington again for more equine topics

Thursday February 12th, carriage selection and usage was covered By Myrna Rhinehart,owner of IVC Carriage . Again a very thorough and informative presentation from a repeat presenter. Those that attended all took away a piece of new knowledge.



Dr Joe Darrington



Myrna Rhinehart

Cherry Valley Carriage Association presents

Tracey Morgan CLINIC

Sponsored by USEF and Triple Crown Nutrition

May 29, 30 & 31 2026

Morrisville College Equine Rehabilitation Center, Route 20, Morrisville NY 13408



Tracey Morgan of Beallsville, MD is a coach, trainer, international competitor and 'R' ADS judge. She was USEF National Pony Pair Champion every year from 2002- 2009 and 2015 USEF National Champion Single Pony, and competed in eventing and ridden dressage prior to her success in carriage driving.

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

45-minute lessons at **\$110** per lesson for CVCA Members

45-minute lessons at **\$160** per lesson for Non-members

Stalls are **\$65 for weekend** (*bring your own feed, bedding provided*)

Auditors: Welcome – Free !

Helmets required when seated in vehicle or mounted

Tracey Morgan Clinic Registration

Hosted by Cherry Valley Carriage Assn. at Morrisville College Rehab Center

May 29, 30 & 31, 2026

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 = \$ _____
LESSON FEE

Non-CVCA Members- No. of sessions _____ X \$160 per session = \$ _____
LESSON FEE

STALL(s): YES / NO (you clean stalls & provide all feed (bedding provided); 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: ___

\$65 = \$ _____
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

Tracey Morgan Clinic Registration

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May 29, 30 & 31, 2026

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; Tracey 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:

Melody Payne
381 Payne Marsh Rd Berkshire, NY 13736

Questions? [Contact Melody at 607-427-4223 or email at melodymorgan77@frontiernet.net](mailto:melodymorgan77@frontiernet.net)

2026 CARRIAGE DRIVING EVENTS: Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

March		
March 7-8	Skijoring the Hill-Not a carriage driving event. But, 1 that involves horses! Heritage Hill Brewhouse	FMI: Heritagehillbrewary.com Tickets required. As of 2/25, Saturday sold out.
March 26	Zoom webinar: Equine Insurance with Equisure president: Diane Lester Presented by: Southern New England Carriage Driving Society	FMI: www.snecca.org
April		
April 10-12	New England Region CAA meeting Learning Weekend Chicopee, Massachusetts	FMI: heather.april25@gmail.com *Or* www.nercaa.com
April 19	CT Clinic Heritage Christain Stables	FMI: www.northamptondrivingsociety.org
April 28	Monthly Wheel Runners Driving Clinic with instructor Robin Groves	FMI: www.gmhainc.org
May		
May 1-3	Driving Clinic with Stacey Giere Fox Run Farm 4222 Roots Tavern Rd. Geneseo, NY	FMI: www.gvrdc.org
May 9-10	Spring CT and AT	FMI: www.gmhainc.org
May 19	Monthly Wheel Runners Driving Clinic with Robin Groves	FMI: www.gmhainc.org
May 23	CT/CD Avon Driving Park 350 Spring St Avon, NY	FMI: www.wnycca.org
May 24	ECHO Avon Driving Park 350 Spring St Avon, NY	FMI: www.wnycca.org
June		
June 11-13	USEF Emerging Athlete Clinic High Hopes Farm 9096 County Rd 14 Honeoye Falls, NY	FMI: www.wnycca.org
June 14	ECHO Raspberry Hill Farm 1515 Salt Rd Penfield, NY	
June 16	Monthly Wheel Runners Driving Clinic with Robin Groves	FMI: www.gmhainc.org
June 20	Pleasure Driving Show Sponsored by Southern New England Carriage Driving Association	FMI: www.snecca.org
June 21	CT Avon Driving Park 350 Spring St. Avon, NY	FMI: www.northamptondrivingsociety.org
June 27	CT/CD Location: TBD	FMI: www.wnycca.org
June 30	Monthly Wheel Runners Driving Clinic with Robin Groves	FMI: www.gmhainc.org
July		

July 17-19

Lorenzo Driving Competition Cazenovia NY

FMI lorenzodriving@gmail.com

July 24-26	Avon Driving Park Pleasure Show & CT 350 Spring St. Avon, NY	FMI: www.wnycca.org *Or* Judy.carriagedriver1@gmail.com
July 28	Monthly Wheel Runners Driving Clinic with Robin Groves	FMI: www.gmhainc.org
August		
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 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@gmail.com
September 15	Monthly Wheel Runners Driving Clinic with Robin Groves	FMI: www.gmhainc.org
September 26	CT/CD High Hopes Farm 9096 County Rd 14 Honeoye Falls, NY	FMI: www.wnycca.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 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

Carriage Association of America International Carriage Symposium

Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

Every 2 years the CAA, executive director, Jill Ryder and assistant executive director, John Stallard; along with the CAA education committee plan, organize and carry out the International Carriage Symposium. This educational forum is held every 2 years. 2026 was the Tenth Biennial event, held January 29-February 1. Each symposium has a theme, or central topics, all with the intent of providing history, preservation/conservation and the sharing of knowledge; all in some way related to carriage driving, different aspects of equine sport or art. Attending this symposium has always been on my "bucket list". I attended for the first time in 2022. This being my second time attending. This year's event didn't disappoint! Despite the bone chilling temperatures and the record amount of snowfall that the Washington, D.C. area received in the week prior to the symposium. In fact, the area schools had been closed for 4 days when I arrived. It may have been chilly outside. But, inside our host hotel; the DoubleTree by Hilton it was cozy and inviting.

The theme for this year's event: Carrozza, Caballo, & Koets: Craft, Culture and the Horsedrawn World. The speaker line-up had experts from the US, as well as internationally known and respected speakers. Speakers were from the following locales/countries: Wisconsin, Michigan, Virginia, Great Britain, Portugal and The Netherlands.

Speaker and topics covered: Lieutenant Colonel Ian Vere Nicoll: The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery. Dan Bussey: All things sleigh and sleighing related. He is SO enthusiastic when talking about his sleighs and sleighing! Dr. Michaela Giegelhausen: Horse in the 18th Century landscape. Talking, describing, and showing various pieces of equine art by George Stubbs, and others with horses in various actions, or "poses": jumping, racing, standing in fields, fox hunting, etc. Such beautiful art! Brain Howard: Restoration and Conversation of the Powell coach. Bob Tagatz: The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Visiting this location has also been on my bucket list! Now, even more so! Arthur and Joyce Van der Vlies: Photography: Horses, Carriages and the Dutch Royal Stables. Oh my! The angles and quality of photos shot at the Royal Dutch Stables...Wow! Elizabeth Letts: "The Perfect Horse: The Daring US Mission to Rescue the Lippizaner at the close of WWII". This talk appealed to my love of history. Rita Dargent: The National Coach Museum of Lisbon, Portugal. Oh my! So many things in this museum that are coach related! Not to mention the fabulous coaches! You get the idea, there was a wide ranging and oh so interesting "mix" of topics covered at this symposium.

At the close of the symposium, on Sunday February 1, there was the additional opportunity for attendees to travel to Jack and Margie Day's residence in Maryland to visit their wonderful, private carriage collection. I, however was unable to take advantage of this opportunity. However, while sitting with Jack and Margie during lunch one day, they extended an invitation to me to stop by at another time. Trust me, I'm already figuring out when to accept their invitation!

There were a few attendees from NY. Many, I didn't know personally but by the end of the symposium, we were all friends, having introduced myself and spending time together during meals and snack breaks

chatting. And, now, I have more carriage driving friends! It was great to see and spend time with CAA members, old friends as well as new friends. I can't say enough about this symposium! It is so worth making the effort to travel to attend! If you didn't care for any of the talks, at the very least, you will eat very well and enjoy great conversation! There was both a silent auction, as well as a live auction held. All monies gathered went to the CAA general fund. Many great items offered for both auctions. There was spirited bidding for a couple of the live auction items. There were a few trips in the live auction. Trips to Woburn Abbey Estate, a private, behind the scenes visit to the National Coach Museum in Lisbon, Portugal and a day of driving and a day at the races...during the Keeneland fall meet.

CVCA members, I would recommend keeping January 2028 in mind, and mark your calendars for the 11th biennial symposium. Consider attending this wonderful learning opportunity! A guaranteed good time, as well as an awesome learning experience!

For any CVCA members, who are also CAA members; within a few weeks, the various talks will be made available for viewing in the "Members Only" section on the CAA website.

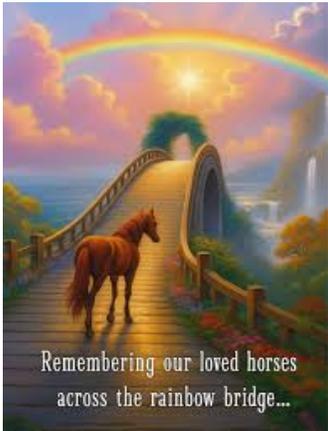


Touche '

I wanted to drive, and Standardbreds had long been on my radar, maybe it was Mr Parker keeping his "old race horse " at our house when I was a kid. A pesky 5 year old who " had to go help him feed the horse " the minute he pulled into the driveway .I don't even remember the horses name. A plain bay horse kinda small as I remember . Fast Forward to when I really decided I want to drive and heck ya Standardbreds could. (I know now that off the track or Amish horses do drive ,in a totally different way than your typical pleasure horse.) I started to scout The Standardbred Retirement Foundation(SRF) for a horse. 2018 Finds me looking at a picture of a cute Standardbred ,15 years old saved from the dreaded trip to Canada . I had a name,age,height and location, lets not forget the willing husband up for a road trip. We had recently bought a trailer and would be our 1st trip hauling a horse ourselves. Nothing like a 5 hour trip one way,on your maiden voyage.

We arrive at SRF to pick up Touche. who from the paddock gives me the side eye,bribe with a carrot ? no way ! it hits the ground and he sniffs like what the heck it this ? Thank Goodness he loads and hauls home like a dream, despite me being all nerves. Once home, he became my problem child, hard to catch,plastered yourself wide eyed against the wall the 1st time I stepped into the stall with a fork ,escape artist extroidinare, usually herding another horse ahead of you , not to the closest farm a quarter mile down the road, but 2 miles as the crow fly's ,to the Thoroughbred Breeding Farm,then hiding behind said herded pasture mate,because you knew you'd done something you weren't supposed to. I ground drove you ,lunged you ,put tack on you, took you for walks down the road. I sent you to Jillian. You tolerated and did what we asked . I never hitched you and not sure if Jillian ever did.. could tell your heart wasn't into it.. dancing back and forth when I put on the crupper, or even groomed your hindquarters,couple of scars, could you have been in a wreck , is that why the Amish " sent you " ? , The fear you had when in a stall ? turning your back and pining your ears ? Three years to even get you to eat a treat out of my hand .What had happened to you ? So a pasture puff you became . I had another horse I couldn't drive and had to make a choice. I chose you. Having to return the other to SRF (per contract they will always take a horse back)This past summer I saw a subtle change , a little harder to keep weight ,and a little more mellow. Coming into winter I was worried about you . I had the vet come out to do a health check, they said all was good, you were just a bit thin , I put you in a separate paddock so you could eat your increased feed without bother . Dec 31st, new years eve day, my husband called , you were down in the pasture . When I got home , you were in an icy spot , thought you had just slipped and was too slick for you get up. A quick call to my neighbors had them coming to help me. You seemed no worse for ware, not lame and all vitals good,and a little bute for comfort Fast forward to Sunday Jan 4th. I got out for chores a little late, Sunday being my only day off. There you were down , half in and half out of your stall. Again neighbors came to help.. this time felt different. We tried and tried without success. The vet was called. An agonizing hour plus before Dr Sprole arrived, a quick check over and vitals taken when he arrived. Then what I dreaded to hear. I always told you that you'd be ok here, and I'd never do anything to hurt you . The truth is I wish I had gotten to you before you were " ruined " I always felt you were a horse that needed to trust someone completely and you'd do absolutely anything for them . A bond, not force is the kind of handling you needed. I watched one of your race videos once, I swear you actually slowed down when they trying to encourage you to go faster. You seemed to want things on your terms. I hope that I was that someone your last 5 years. I hope you know how much I loved you even thought you were a pain in the butt. I hope you were happy here .

I did my best Buddy. And Maybe you did trust me after all



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



2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership runs December 1 to November 30



Name: _____

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Please note!

If you do not want your address or contact info listed in the membership directory, please indicate that on this form below in "Contact Info Restriction."

Thanks!

Membership Type: Single - \$25.00

Family - \$35.00 (includes all children under age 22 who
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Donation (optional) _____

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