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!

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 25th: Equi-Analytical/Dairy One Forage Lab Tour - Cancelled
February 22nd: Tick Borne Diseases and Practical Prevention
March 28th: General Membership Meeting with Madison County 4-H
April 18th: Dr. Alyson Waring: Acupuncture; Dr. Courtney Martin: Chiropractic
May 15th-17th: Robin Groves Clinic
June 6th-7th: Intro to Driving Clinic and Novice Clinic
July 12th: Lorenzo Driving Competition Work-day and Summer Picnic
August 22nd: Sheffield Farm Pleasure Drive and Fun Day
September 19th: Sadoff-Davies Pleasure Drive - NEW DATE!
September 25th-27th: ADS Northeast Region Recreational Drive
October 10th: 7th Annual Bruce Haak Memorial Drive
November 7th: Annual General Membership Luncheon & Silent Auction

March Membership Annual Meeting
Saturday, March 28, 2020
Snow date: Sunday March 29th
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Cazenovia American Legion
26 Chenango Street, Cazenovia, NY 13035

Guests:
Madison County 4-H Members

April Equine Acupuncture and Chiropractic
Saturday, April 18, 2020
9:00 AM- 12:30 PM
Cazenovia College Equine Ed. Center, 4460 Woodfield Road, Cazenovia, New York

Presenters:
Dr. Alyson Waring, MVB & Dr. Courtney Martin, DVM
As I sit working on CVCA “stuff”, I’m pondering Springs arrival. It is almost March, and thoughts of spring enter my head. The sun is gaining warmth. I hear the beginnings of bird song in the air. Soon, our equine friends will start shedding their winter “coats”. The planning and setting of goals for 2020 has begun. How about you? What are your goals for 2020? Participating in a pleasure driving show? Perhaps, taking lessons in order to improve your driving skills. Attend a CVCA event, whether it is a pleasure drive, an educational seminar, or the Lorenzo workday. No matter what your goals are, have fun doing it!

From the beginning of the winter season, Mother Nature has been playing games. Because of Mother Nature’s “bad mood”, our January seminar: Forage Analysis and Testing, had to be cancelled. There is a chance that this seminar will be rescheduled later this year. Watch for and read your copy of “The Driving Lines” for updates about the status of this event, along with information about all CVCA events. Mother Nature “smiled” for the CVCA on Saturday February 22, 2020. The February seminar: “Tick Talk” was held without any interference from the weather. This was a very well attended event, discussing a very important health issue for both animals and humans alike. The seminar received many positive comments. Many thanks to organizers: Joanne and Jim Schoonmaker. Many others lent their hands to help this seminar run smoothly. Thanks to all. If you were unable to attend this seminar, you can read all about it, along with viewing photos taken at the event, in this issue of “The Driving Lines”.

Also included in this issue of the newsletter, is information and a registration form for the April educational seminar: Equine Acupuncture and Chiropractic techniques. Dr. Alyson Waring, who presented a very informative Equine Eye Health and Disease seminar last year for CVCA members, is returning to discuss acupuncture. Her colleague, Dr. Courtney Martin, will be discussing chiropractic techniques.

As it is “almost” Spring, that means it is almost time for our annual Spring general membership meeting. Because we only hold 2 general membership meetings each year, it is very important for all CVCA members to attend these meetings. It is our way of gathering together as a club, informing and updating the membership about the status of the club. It is important as a membership, to discuss club events that are of interest to the members and club business. The board of directors wants all members voices to be heard! And, you just can’t beat the important social aspect. We have a great group of people as members! Saturday March 28, is the date of this event, held at the Cazenovia American Legion. Madison County 4H-ers will be attending to “challenge” a team of CVCA members to compete in a Horse Bowl competition.

There are so many reasons to read this issue of “The Driving Lines”. Turn the page, and begin….

Pick up the lines and go for a drive,

Judy
A gorgeous Saturday in February found more than 40 CVCA members and guests at the David Harum Senior Center located in the Homer Town Hall for an educational seminar about ticks and tick-borne diseases. An amazing spread of late morning snacks consisting of bagels, cream cheese, donut holes, brownies, vegetable platters and fruits of all kinds generously donated by CVCA member Lorraine Van Luven was available.

Amongst the guests in attendance was Judy Goldthwaite. This was the first meeting at which raffle tickets for this year’s CVCA fund raiser were available. The winner will receive a 12” tile with a pet or equine portrait of their choice by Judy, the winner to be drawn at our November luncheon. Tickets will be available at all CVCA events.

First speaker was Saravanan Thangamani, PhD, Director of the SUNY Center for Environmental Health and Medicine, and Vector Biology Laboratories at the Upstate Medical University. Dr. Thangamani was recruited from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and came to Syracuse with his entire laboratory team last March. He has been studying both tick and mosquito vectors for the past twenty years and is recognized for his studies of the Powassan virus.

His presentation was entitled “The emergence of tick and tick-borne diseases in New York: Observations from our Community engaged Tick surveillance”. He began by providing us with a tutorial on the use of his interactive web site that allows one to fill out the forms required for submission of ticks to be tested for bacteria and virus, instructions on how to submit the ticks and then to see, on his web site, the lab findings. Since last July, his lab has tested more than 3,000 ticks submitted from all over NY state free of charge. In fact, he had received two ticks removed from horses in Suffolk County this past week.

His presentation then went on to discuss the reasons for the increase in the number of ticks being seen, the species of ticks, their life cycles and the diseases they are capable of transmitting. The ability to serologically, easily identify bacterial and viral agents is a relatively recent capability and has significantly improved the ability to diagnose tick borne diseases. He explained some of the work his lab is undertaking to understand how disease is transmitted from the ticks and the hopes that by using this knowledge vaccines and drug therapies can be developed. Here is the link to the interactive web site: https://thangamani-lab.com/tick-test-results
The second speaker was Sean Nash, DVM and associate in Finger Lakes Equine Practice (FLEP). Dr. Nash, a familiar face to many of us, is a graduate of Tufts University Veterinary School and joined FLEP in 2014. His special interest is equine ophthalmology, but he enjoys all aspects of equine ambulatory medicine. “Ticks! (And Horses)” was the title of his presentation.

He reviewed the tick species and the bacterial/viral infections associated with each. Most of the tick infections in our horses present in a similar fashion: fever, lethargy and inappetence. Most of our horses respond to a three-day IV regimen of oxytetracycline. Serological testing is not always useful because of false positives/negatives and the existence of titers from previous exposure. An absolute diagnosis of Lyme disease is rare, despite the public’s perception of its frequency.

He discussed uveitis and the neurological forms of Lyme disease; the neurological form is usually fatal. On the other hand, FLEP’s most frequent positive finding is anaplasmosis; many horses may never display symptoms. Dr. Nash relayed the story of being called to perform routine vaccinations and, during the course of the exam discovering that the horse had a temperature of 105 but was showing no other symptoms. The practice has also seen what is being called “Fever of Unknown Origin”. It is possible that this may be the result of a tick bite. Cornell is aggressively working to identify its cause.

A common finding in horses is what FLEP associates describe as a “volcanic” reaction to tick bites: they develop swellings that erupt and ooze pus; sometimes the tick may be present, if so, it should be removed. Amongst the measures we can take to prevent tick borne diseases include good grooming, the use of products that contain permethrins, the use of Seresto collars, maintenance of pastures, keeping deer out of them and avoidance of wooded land near pastures.
Check Out ALL the Photos from Tick Talk on our Website and Facebook Page!

*Photos by: Jim Schoonmaker*
CVCA ANNUAL
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Cazenovia American Legion
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Cazenovia, NY 13035

Dish-to-Pass Luncheon & Membership Mtg

Guests:

Madison County 4-H Members
The 4-H-ers will be sharing with us various forms of competition including:
Public Presentations
Horse Bowl, and
Hippology

Come ready to be challenged!

Please RSVP!
To RSVP or for more information, contact Judy Cary at
315-247-5884 hhep@citlink.net
CALL TO ORDER

PROGRAM: Madison County 4-H’ers vs. CVCA members in Horse Bowl Competition Challenge

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Deb Grantham

TREASURER’S REPORT: Sharon Baum

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Robin Groves clinic update
2. Novice clinic 2020 status
3. Raffle 2020

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Items from the floor
2. Printing costs: newsletter, other printing/changes to membership dues
3. CVCA director positions vacant November 2020
4. CVCA Lorenzo booth 2020: new organizer/sign-up
5. PayPal
6. Clinician suggestions for 2021
7. Lorenzo 2020 update
8. How are we doing?

ADJOURN

Next meeting: Saturday November 7, 2020
Location: TBA
Cherry Valley Carriage Association &
The NYS Center for Equine Business Development

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR
Dr. Alyson Waring, MVB and Dr. Courtney Martin, DVM
from Early Winter Equine Veterinary Practice
presenting on:
Equine Acupuncture and Chiropractic
Saturday, April 18, 2020, 9:00 AM- 12:30 PM
Please be Prompt!

Cazenovia College Equine Ed. Center, 4460 Woodfield Road, Cazenovia, New York 13035
Beverages and light snacks will be provided
$10 donation suggested for attendees
Equine students are free of charge (includes 4-H, FFA, college)

To Register: Email or mail registration information – see below - by April 11, 2020
In case of cancellation, you’ll be notified via email. Pls check your email before leaving home.

Dr. Waring was born and raised on a Morgan breeding farm in Sandy Creek, NY (Lakewind Morgans). She obtained a BS in Biochemistry from Ithaca College in 2011 and rode on their equestrian team while working with orthopedic research horses at Cornell University. She attended veterinary school at University College Dublin in Ireland, followed by a veterinary internship at the University of Illinois. In 2017 she completed training for equine veterinary medical acupuncture through the Curacore Integrative Medicine and Education Center.

When not working she enjoys travelling, cooking and hiking with her husband Mike- also a Central New York native. Their family also includes Kingston- the Guiding Eyes lab she raised as a puppy in Ithaca, and Bowser- a rescued blind bull terrier. Her Morgan is living out his retirement at her parent’s farm and she looks forward to finding her next equine partner.

Dr. Martin grew up in Maine where she first started riding horses while at summer camps. Prior to veterinary school, Dr. Martin attended Bowdoin College in Maine for her undergraduate education, graduating in May 2009 with a BA in Gender and Women Studies. For her veterinary education, Dr. Martin attended the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine in Columbia, MO and graduated in May 2014.

Following graduation, she completed a yearlong internship program at Wilhite and Frees Equine Hospital, an equine referral and ambulatory practice outside of Kansas City, MO. In June of 2018, she completed training for animal chiropractic, and she is certified through the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association. She enjoys all facets of equine medicine, but she particularly enjoys lameness, dentistry, and chiropractic work.
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CVCA: Equine Acupuncture and Chiropractic Registration Form

NAME:_______________________________________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS:__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

PREFERRED PHONE:____________________________________EMAIL:_________________________________________________

I am a: ☐ CVCA Member ☐ CNYDCTA Member ☐ Non-member ☐ Student

Enclosed is a donation for $ __________
(donations will be accepted at the door)

Make Checks Payable to: Cherry Valley Carriage Association
MAIL THIS FORM and CHECK TO:
Carol Buckhout, 2939 Lyon Rd., Cazenovia, NY. 13035
Questions? Contact Carol at 315-420-0954
or email Carol at carolbuckhout1@gmail.com.
2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM
Please share with a friend
Help CVCA GROW in 2020!

Name: _______________________________________
Address: _______________________________________
Preferred Phone: _________________________________
E-Mail Address: __________________________________

Please note!
If you do not want your address or contact info listed in the membership directory, please indicate that on this form below in “Contact Info Restriction.”
Thanks!

Membership Type: ☐ Single - $25.00
☐ Family - $35.00 (includes all children under age 22 who reside with parents)

Donation (optional) _____________

Contact Information Restriction (optional):
☐ I do not want my contact information in the Directory. I understand that CVCA Board members will have access to my contact information.

Please make checks payable to CVCA
Mail to:
Sharon Baum
5162 Harris Hill Road
Locke, NY 13092
For the past three years, during the annual Fall membership meeting, Year End Awards have been handed out. In past years, we have laughed and enjoyed hearing about members pleasure drive “adventures”…bee stings, and water splash “leaping” come to mind. We voted on the most tasty food or treat made by CVCA members and kept track of attendance at CVCA events.

From the beginning, there were 5 award categories. In 2020, the awards committee has been decided to reduce the number of categories of awards. In 2020, the award categories will be:
1) Volunteer of the Year
2) Most Supportive friend/family member

**Award Guidelines:**
People nominating an individual most submit a written statement stating why the nominee deserves consideration for an award.

The Volunteer award winner must be a current CVCA member. This award is open to ALL CVCA members. Yes, even directors and officers. Volunteer of the year would be a CVCA member that inspires you, who “steps-up” to help with CVCA activities, someone who quietly helps behind the scenes, maybe even without being asked. Maybe volunteer of the year is someone who the nominator feels is a great “ambassador” for the CVCA.

The Most Supportive award nominee doesn’t necessarily have to be a CVCA member. This would be someone who assists, encourages and supports a CVCA member with carriage driving and perhaps, even in life. Awards will be presented at the annual Fall membership meeting November 7, 2020.

Nominations need to be submitted to committee members: Deb Grantham at: dgg3@cornell.edu or Judy Sobczak at: jes41@cornell.edu. Nominations are due: October 18, 2020.
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, 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.

Cherry Valley Carriage Association presents Robin Groves CLINIC May 15, 16 & 17, 2020 CAZENOVIA COLLEGE EQUINE EDUCATION CENTER Woodfield Rd, Cazenovia, NY

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Singles and pairs drivers and riders are welcome. C.V.C.A. members are given priority if registered by March 16th.

Registration opens on January 15th; deadline is March 31st. Each driver is allowed one groom. Groom audits for free.

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 bedding)

Auditors: CVCA and/or CNYD&CTA Members: Free
Auditors: Non-Members: $10 per day

Lunch is available for PRE-purchase only for Friday, Saturday & Sunday.
FRIDAY, May 15th at 6:00 pm-7:00 pm “Welcome Robin”, details and location to be announced
ALL CVCA members, auditors, clinic participants & guests are welcome.

SATURDAY, May 16th at 6:00 pm; BBQ dinner at the Equine Ed. Center.
ALL CVCA members & guests and clinic participants welcome.
After dinner, Robin will discuss the day’s events and have a Q & A session.
Robin Groves Clinic Registration

CAZENOVIA COLLEGE EQUINE CENTER Woodfield Rd, Cazenovia, NY 13035

May 15th 16th and 17th, 2020

Registration opens on January 15th; deadline is March 31st.
C.V.C.A. members are given priority if registered by March 16th.

NAME: ____________________________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________________

PREFERRED PHONE: ___________________________ EMAIL: ___________________________

☐ I don't want a lesson but want to AUDIT on:

☐ Friday, May 15th ☐ Saturday, May 16th ☐ Sunday, May 17th
CVCA & CNYD&CTA members: Free Non-CVCA/ CNYD&CTA members: $10 per day

$________________ AUDIT FEE

I'd like a lesson with my horse for: ☐ One session ☐ Two sessions ☐*Three sessions

*Third sessions available only if extra time slots remain

Rank Choice (1st, 2nd, 3rd): ☐ 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 tools) If yes, please indicate:

Fri # of stalls:___+ Sat # of stalls:___ + Sun # of stalls:___= Total # of stalls ___ X $27 = $________________

STALL FEE

☐ LUNCH: YES/NO/Not Sure ☐ Fri. May 15th ☐ Sat., May 16th ☐ Sun., May 17th

If you are not sure, RSVP to Joanne no later than Wed. May 15th and pay the day-of

If yes for lunch, # persons/days ________ X $10 per day = $________________

FRI/SAT/SUN LUNCH

☐ SAT. EVENING BBQ 6:00 pm: YES/NO/Not Sure

If you are not sure, RSVP to Carol no later than Wed. May 15th and pay the day-of

If yes, # people_______X $20 = $______________

SATURDAY DINNER

☐ DONATION to CVCA (optional)

Enclosed is a check for $________________

OPTIONAL DONATION

TOTAL AMOUNT

Should you have to cancel, we will gladly refund your Registration Fee if we can fill your spot(s) for this clinic.
Robin Groves Clinic Registration
Hosted by Cherry Valley Carriage Assn at Cazenovia College Equine Center
May 15th, May 16th and 17th, 2020
Registration opens on January 15th; deadline is March 31st.
C.V.C.A. members are given priority if registered by March 16th.

If you are bringing a horse to the clinic, please submit this page with registration.
If bringing more than one horse, please contact Joanne Schoonmaker.

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: ____________________________________________________________
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)

OUT OF STATE HORSES MUST HAVE CURRENT CVI

Registration opens on January 15th; deadline is March 31st.
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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:

Joanne Schoonmaker
3590 WATERVALE ROAD, MANLIUS, NY 13104
Questions? Contact Joanne at 315-682-4577 or email at Schoonmaker@windstream.net
CVCA’s 2020 raffle is for a 12”x 12” ceramic tile custom painted in acrylic with an image of the winner's choosing by artist Judy Goldthwait

Tickets are: 1 for $1 6 for $5 12 for $10

Tickets will be available for purchase at all CVCA events. Drawing held at the Fall membership meeting.

Want more info? Contact Sharon Baum sebaum777@gmail.com

Judy Goldthwait graduated from Cazenovia College in 1998, with a BFA in Commercial Illustration. By specializing in equine art and pet portraiture, Judy has found a way to make a living by painting what she knows best. Judy currently resides in Cazenovia, New York with her husband Andy, daughter Ansleigh and a herd of furry friends!

Although most of her work is done by private commission, Judy also has a wide variety of hand-painted gifts, prints and original oil paintings available for sale. She has illustrated posters and designed promotional material for multiple organizations, including the Lorenzo Driving Competition! Her paintings have been exhibited all over the country and she has clients from the United States, Canada, England, Holland and France. Please like Judy's Facebook page: Judy Goldthwait - Equine Art & Pet Portraits, and visit her website for information: www.JGportraits.com
Plans are currently underway for the 43rd Lorenzo Driving Competition to be held on July 17-19, 2020. The Prize List will be available in mid-April and if you have shown in the past 5 years, you should automatically receive a Prize List in the mail. If you have never competed and if you would be interested in receiving a Prize List, send an email with your name and address to: lorenzodriving@gmail.com.

If you do not plan to show, consider volunteering for the CVCA booth and/or another aspect of the show. Volunteering is a great way to learn about the many aspects involved with organizing and running a driving competition. You can also email your interest in volunteering for the Lorenzo show to the same email address as provided.
CVCA needs help at Lorenzo!

2020 LORENZO CVCA BOOTH
VOLUNTEER* SIGN-UP SHEET

*What do volunteers do?
1. Sit at the CVCA Booth to share enthusiasm for driving & carriages w/ the public.
2. Offer visitors the CVCA pamphlet which includes a membership form
3. Sell the CVCA mugs and other merchandise in the inventory
4. AM volunteers must “open” the CVCA Booth by lifting tent sides and arranging merchandise
5. PM volunteers must “close” the CVCA Booth by securing tent sides and merchandise
6. Watch the competition!

Times we need volunteers*:

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If you can help out, please let Kim and Jay Williams know at: kcd12@rocketmail.com
Childhood Dreams Can Come True

Submitted by: Gloria Waro

Growing up in 1960's Cooperstown fostered my life-long love of baseball and carriage driving. Mickey Mantle was the hero for all of us sandlot players and we haunted the Baseball Hall of Fame every Induction weekend hoping to catch a glimpse of him, or any major league player. The carriage driver I adored was F. Ambrose Clark – I would time my walk home from school to be at the 4 corners near home to watch him come through – sometimes in his stunning yellow coach and four, but more often in a simple carriage with my favorite bay in harness. I loved that he always waved to this horse crazy kid.

Ambrose died in 1964 and the carriages were parked in the stables which became the NYSHA Carriage and Harness Museum. I was that kid that walked through the Museum displays at least twice a week. I sobbed when the collection was auctioned in 1978 – a month before my wedding. Kids and career came along. Our girls were born with the horse bug, so I became a first-time owner when my older turned five.

Both girls have excelled in their horse endeavors: my older is a USDF Silver Medalist, USDF and ARI certified riding instructor and owner of Cooperstown Equestrian Park; while the younger daughter competed at Nationals for Cornell University's Western IHSA team, mentors a competitive equine vaulting team and is pursuing her USDF Bronze medal.

Meanwhile, I stood ringside. And watched. And longed to drive a horse. At the age of 64 I took a leap of faith, joined CVCA, followed the recommendations to Jillian Stroh and started a driving journey that I hope lasts forever. I asked my husband to make me a reinboard for Christmas so I could practice my new-found skills. So, this is where baseball comes back into play. The owners of Cooperstown Bat Company, Tim and Connie Haney, manufacture their bats from local wood about 2 miles from my home, not far from Cooperstown. Lumber is split and then kiln dried. Then is it turned on a lathe to create a round billet. Some billets just don't make the grade to become a baseball bat.

Sometimes serendipity makes an unexpected visit – my husband and Tim got to talking, some maple billets came home, and a Vimeo search found the Coachman's Delight video on building an inexpensive reinboard. The outcome is a one of a kind, baseball meets horse world, reinboard that I love. Now I am on the search for The Art of Driving, by Max Pape, so that I can enhance my exercises and make my trainers proud. The beautiful maple billets may not have been good enough to be baseball bats, but they have given this old lady a magical reinboard where two childhood loves will live on.
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 $5.95 per item.*

FOR SALE: Driving Essentials Basic Pony Harness. Only used for 1 1/2 season, like new. Was made for 12.2 Hackney Pony. $675. or best offer. Email Lisa Teichert at: lisateichert@ymail.com or call 607-345-5009


FOR SALE: Biothane reins, solid brown.14' x 3/4", horse length super grip Comfy-fit company, swivel on buckle. Like new. $60. 12' x 5/8", pony length includes stops, swivel on buckle and pinky loop. Used once $50. Phone 315-548-9651 or email windfall@ottcmail.com

FOR SALE: Sears & Roebuck 2-wheel carriage. Horse size. I believe the wheels are 50" and shafts 78". Contact Peggy at pw14@cornell.edu or text 607.229.6733. $300 or best offer.

Have you a beloved equid that you sent "Over the Rainbow Bridge?"
Send us a tribute & photo and we’ll feature your friend in the next Driving Lines.
Members Out and About...
Have an activity you want to share? Please send the details to Carol at carol.ilacqua@gmail.com.

Look who reached her 250 driving hours milestone with the ADS! Yup! That’s CVCA President, Judy Sobczak and her trusty Queen Mab pictured at Orleton 2019 as the Reserve Champion Novice Whip.

Wes Baum, when he’s not helping wife Sharon with the ponies, competes in dog sled races with his team of Siberian Huskies. This year, the first was a sprint race at Tug Hill in the middle of February, where 95 teams competed. Wes finished 6th in his division in the 6-dog class (6.5 miles) and 5th in the 4-dog class (4.5 miles). The race initiates and ends at the Winona Forest CCC camp so spectators can watch the teams leave and come into the finish line. Although the weather was cold for the spectators, the sun was shining to help warm things up a bit. Mushers all raved about the "fast" trails that were amazing and well-groomed by the crew there. (P.S. Who wants to go up there for a carriage drive in better weather?)

The second race, held the first weekend in March, was the Can-Am Crown in Fort Kent, Maine. Wes entered the 30-mile long-distance race with a 6-dog team and placed 16th with a time of 4 hours and 39 minutes. In addition to the 30-mile race, there is also a 100 mile and 250-mile race (2 days), the latter a qualifying race for the Iditarod. Similar to carriage driving there is required equipment, in addition to dog food that must be carried on the sled by each musher (driver), so weight of supplies, sled and driver is an important consideration in the race.

To see more, here is the link to the very long video done on the race: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfFP0ej9D0g (Wes appears at about 1:20 into the video).
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From Gary Slate, NYS Horse Council Central Region Vice President:

This will be short notice for many of you, but Horse Council has been publicizing the need to tell our representatives in Albany that we want some of the new multi-use trails to allow for horse trail riders. Granted, there are horse trails in most parts of New York State, and our website has a pretty thorough list of trails open to the public. However, trails need maintenance and support by users, and if we don’t show the same interest as hikers, bikers, skiers, and snowmobilers, we will be ignored in future budgets.

If you are willing to spend a Monday in Albany, go to this link, and scroll down and register: [https://www.ptny.org/events/trails-advocacy-day](https://www.ptny.org/events/trails-advocacy-day)
Even if you haven’t made up your mind, registering as “Horse Council” or “horse trail user” will increase our count. If you give them your email address, they will send you details about this event.

There is no special meeting place for horse people, so show up 15 minutes early and look around for friends or other horse people. Better yet, car-pool with friends. To find your way there, and to find parking, go to [https://empirestateplaza.ny.gov](https://empirestateplaza.ny.gov) and there are directions, parking info, etc.
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Western New York Combined Carriage Association Fills the Calendar! Submitted by Debbie North

What a fun filled year WNYCCA members are looking forward to! In addition to hosting educational clinics (always free for youth!), our members enjoy both competitive and social events.

Join us for ECHO - Equine Cones, Hazards, and Obstacles! These are three phase timed events open to drivers, riders, and those who want to long-line their horses and ponies. We compete at many locations around western New York and thank our host farms and fairgrounds for sharing their facilities.

**ECHO Series:** April 5, May 24, June 14, July 12, July 25, August 16, September 20, October 31.

**Fun Drives:** May 3 – Howland Island State Park; June 7 – Letchworth State Park; July 4 - Mendon Ponds Park; August 29 - Harriet Hollister Spencer State Park; September 19 - Hartford Memorial Drive then stay for ECHO on day 2!

**Clinics:** On May 8-10, we welcome accomplished ADS judge Scott Monroe for a clinic at High Hopes Farm in Honeoye Falls. At this time, there is a waiting list for lessons with Scott. Thanks to all who have reserved their spots! Those who will be showing at American Driving Society events in 2020 and need pony measurements are welcome to sign up for official measuring with Scott as well.

**Shows:** Many of our members are looking forward to Lorenzo Driving Competition in July as well as other events in the northeast.

**Year End:** December 5th is our time to celebrate with our End of Year Banquet including a silent auction and awards. Always lots of food, fun, and friends. This year, we will enjoy the festivities at Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack!

**Information** on all of our events, whether competitive or social, is available on our website www.wnycca.org or on our Facebook page. As we like to say, “we aren’t your grandmother’s carriage ride”.

Life is short... stop and smell the horses.
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From the ADS Northeast Region Face Book Page:
The ADS Northeast Region is pleased to announce that the Rockefeller Family is welcoming the NE Regional Drive to the Rockefeller State Preserve in Sleepy Hollow, NY, AND giving the ADS access to the historic carriage roads, one which goes to the Hudson River!!

More Events of Note:
If you know of other events that your CVCA friends may like, please submit them to Carol I. at carol.ilacqua@gmail.com by April 15th to make the May edition of The Driving Lines.

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