

# Long Lines



April 1, 2008

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## Assignments: Don't forget!

Send in your stories...  
"How I started driving"  
And "beginner learning  
experiences (which also  
can pertain to experienced  
drivers)"...

## Notice:

Please submit any photos,  
articles, or news for May's  
newsletter by April. 20<sup>th</sup>!

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## Connecticut Valley Driving Trial! Saturday, June 7, 2008



Driving Trial Opening  
Day, April 1st -- get your  
entries in to ensure your  
spot!!!!

The Driving Trial will be  
held rain or shine on June  
7 at Haddam Meadow  
State Park (route 154,  
Haddam, CT). This event  
is recognized by the  
American Driving Society  
and is supported by  
Connecticut State

Parks and Forests. CVDC is currently looking for volunteers for this event (more information on page 5 "Calling All Volunteers!") so if you would like to help contact the club!

If you would like to participate in this event get your entries in ASAP, as spots fill quickly! The Connecticut Valley Driving Trial is suitable for beginners (training and preliminary levels). Classes include: Singles & Pairs; VSE, Pony, Horse. For more information and the entry forms go to [www.cvdrivingclub.com](http://www.cvdrivingclub.com)!

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## CVDC Fun Day and Clinic! Sunday, June 8, 2008

Don't miss out on the fun! After Saturday's Driving Trial at Haddam Meadow State Park, on Sunday CVDC will open up the area for a day of clinics, practice, and pleasure driving. The combined driving course will be in place including: Dressage Ring, Cones and Marathon Course with Obstacles. Just come and play, or sign up for a session with one of our clinicians, Marc Johnson or Craig Kellogg!

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Kathie Gregory driving her beautiful horse Dazzle with instructor Craig Kellogg on Fun Day

## Spring Calendar of Events

April 5: Frostbite Series Arena Driving Trials at the Carriage Barn. <http://www.carriage-barn.com> for more info.

April 18: Litchfield Hills Driving Club meeting & Potluck Supper 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church, corner of North Street and Route 6, Plymouth, CT Hostesses: Jan Rogers and Caroline Borkoski. Contact: richard\_mangino@netzero.net

April 19: Colonial Carriage Driving Society Lectures and demonstrations at Orleton farm in Stockbridge, MA. First session starts at 10am with Steve Holm and Jeff Morse, and so on. Call Harvey at 413-298-3119 or for complete information or go to [www.colonialcarriage.org](http://www.colonialcarriage.org)

**April 19: CVDC Potluck meeting to discuss upcoming driving season, 6:30pm – East Haddam Grange. Come one and all!**

**April 20: CVDC first drive at Wimler's in Guilford, 10:30am, Route 77 south of Durham on right on town line. Contact John Miller, (860) 343-3211.**

April 20: Training Level Introductory Arena Events at the Carriage Barn in Newton, NH. Visit <http://www.carriage-barn.com> for more information. Contact: 603-378-0140

April 20: Into to carriage driving clinic with Robyn Cuffey at at Horse Power Farm in Turner, Maine. For more info [www.sphomaine.net](http://www.sphomaine.net) and contact: Denise@sphomaine.net.

May 3-4: Lord Stirling Stable CDE; Basking Ridge, NJ. Contact Kay 973-285-0009

May 10: 10:00 AM "Plowing the Community Garden" with the Eastern CT Draft Horse Association Wilbraham, MA Public invited. Food and Activities planned. Contact: Elaine Keeley (860) 376-8110

**May 17-18: Northeast Region Campout and Ride/Drive Reynolds Horse Area, Escoheag (260 Arcadia Rd: Exeter, RI) Contact: catprints2@aol.com. CVDC will participate!**

May 17: Carriage Show 10 AM to 4 PM/ hosted by Granger Homestead and Carriage Museum of Canandaigua, New York / [www.grangerhomestead.org](http://www.grangerhomestead.org) for more info or contact 585-394-1472 or [info@grangerhomestead.org](mailto:info@grangerhomestead.org)

**May 17: CVDC Potluck meeting and pre-event meeting for volunteers, 6:30pm. East Haddam Grange. Contact andree@betterdaysalliance.org**

May 18: Litchfield Hills Driving Club celebrates National Carriage Driving Month at White Memorial in Litchfield. The drive will depart at 11 a.m. led by Don Rogers 860-589-6293.

May 21-26: Sterling Graburn clinic at Rough Terrain Farm in Randolph Center, VT. Contact Leslie Haynes at (802) 728-5945 or (802) 279-5945 or email [lesliehaynes@verizon.net](mailto:lesliehaynes@verizon.net) for more info.

May 24-25: Driving Clinic with Robin Groves at Penfrydd Horse Farm in Colrain, MA. Contact Ceacy Henderson at 413-624-8969 or e-mail [info@prosperitypaperworks.com](mailto:info@prosperitypaperworks.com)

May 29- June 1: Garden State CDE; Allentown, NJ. Contact Heather 908-439-3171

May 31-June 1: Mary Gray Benefit Drive/Ride in Acadia National Park in Maine. Contact Mary Gray at [MgSkyline@aol.com](mailto:MgSkyline@aol.com)

**June 7: Connecticut Valley Driving Trial, Haddam Meadows (PrizeList and Entryform on our website)**

**June 8: CVDC Fun Day and Clinic with Craig Kellogg and Marc Johnson – Contact Marguerite Hayber 860-267-6552 (Info and Entryform on our website [www.cvdrivingclub.com](http://www.cvdrivingclub.com))**

## Connecticut Valley Driving Trial!

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More information on the Driving Trial can be found on the entry form on our website, but here are some fast facts!

**Dressage Information:** Tests: Training Level: Test 2; Preliminary: Test 3; Grass Surface.

**Marathon Information:** Note: Helmet required for drivers and navigators. Terrain: Flat, mostly grass and crossing pavement. Training Level: Sections E only; 4-6 km; 4 obstacles Level: Preliminary; Sections E; 4-6 km; 4 obstacles

**Cones Information:** Ring/Warm-up area Footing: Grass/Grass Training Level: 40 cm clearance (17 3/4 inches). Prelim: 35 cm clearance (13 3/4 inches)

**Other Information:** Please bring picnics and beverages, and water for you and your horse. Keep your area neat and clean. This is an ADS recognized Combined Driving Event. Please visit [www.americandrivingsociety.org](http://www.americandrivingsociety.org) for more information. Awards Offered: Ribbons to 6th place in each class. Trophies. Beginner friendly!

Reserve your spot ASAP—Entries open April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Left: photos from last year's Driving Trial, Fun Day and Clinic, and our judges (same ones this year!)

## CVDC Fun Day and Clinic! Continued from front page

**Craig Kellogg** is an American Driving Society Recognized judge and technical delegate for combined driving, pleasure driving, and dressage. He is a Recognized combined driving judge with the USEF, and a Certified Large Animal Rescue Technician. Mr. Kellogg has been a carriage driving trainer, instructor and clinician for over thirty years.

**Marc Johnson** has been involved in Combined Driving for almost thirty years. Starting as a navigator in the late seventies, he has competed with pairs and four-in-hands internationally. Last year, Marc went to Italy with his old friend, Sterling Graburn, to navigate around the Single Driving World Championship marathon course for a fourth place finish. Other than training and teaching, Marc spends much of his time building courses and is a Director of the American Driving Society.

Both are also all around nice guys and fun, too! Clinic preference and discount given to volunteers of the Driving Trial.

**Clinic Fee:** \$50 volunteer rate, \$85 non-volunteer rate.

**Just Come and Play Fee:** \$20 (no clinic, full access but yield to lesson horses), volunteers free.

Form is available on club website: [www.cvdrivingclub.com](http://www.cvdrivingclub.com). To volunteer for the June 7<sup>th</sup> Driving Trial, contact Andree Duggan at [andree@betterdaysalliance.org](mailto:andree@betterdaysalliance.org)

## Help Out Other Equestrians!

### Volunteers Needed for 2010 FEI Games!

The World Games 2010 Foundation announced it is launching a volunteer recruitment Web Site. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can log on to [www.feigames2010.org](http://www.feigames2010.org) for information. For more information, contact Cathy Rutter at [crutter@feigames2010.org](mailto:crutter@feigames2010.org), or call the World Games 2010 Foundation at 859-255-2010.

### Consider helping to get carriage driver Mary Gray to the World Championships!

Who is Mary Gray? Mary has been competing at Combined Driving Events since 1975. She has competed with a variety of horses and ponies with success at most of the major East Coast Events. Mary has a Masters Degree in Special Education, and has worked with special needs children for 25 years. She brings her educational background and experience to teaching new drivers and promoting the sport of Carriage Driving. Mary has represented the United States in four Paralympic World Driving Championships; winning an Individual Gold and two Team Bronze Medals.

Mary recently moved to the Carriage Barn in Newton, New Hampshire. In addition to teaching driving and training horses at the facility, Mary is filling the role of Development Director to continue the Carriage Barn's mission of offering quality instruction to children and adults of all abilities. Mary is the past President of the United States Driving for the Disabled, and has been a tireless supporter of making the sport of Driving available to individuals with disabilities. Her latest efforts include raising money for the Carriage Barn to purchase a Handicap Accessible Carriage for their Therapeutic Driving Program. Mary hopes to represent the United States again this June in Greven, Germany, with your help.



Please Help Sponsor Mary Gray on her way to the Paralympic World Driving Championships: June 26th - 29th, 2008 in Greven, Germany. Each team member is responsible for raising ALL necessary funds to cover expenses (\$25,000).

HOW YOU CAN HELP! Join Mary for a Benefit Drive/Ride in Acadia!! Mary has arranged a weekend at Wildwood Stables in Acadia National Park in Maine on Friday May 30th, Saturday, May 31st and Sunday June 1st, 2008. Three days of pleasure driving at your own pace - great company and an invitation to Saturday Night's Lobster bake & silent auction.

Corporate Sponsor- \$2500 (Mary will put your logo on her cart and apparel, Banners posted at Barn & Event)

Legacy Sponsor- \$500 (You will receive a personalized photo of Mary at the World Championships)

Individual Sponsor- Any amount greatly appreciated

To help Mary raise Money for Germany, participants will be asked to acquire a minimum of \$200 in sponsorship money for the drive, your incentive is:

- \$1000 Worth of Sponsorships FREE LOBSTER BAKE & FREE STABLING
- \$200 Worth of Sponsorships FREE Stall at Wildewood (per stall), FREE camping if desired
- \$200 Worth of Sponsorships- Don't have a pony or a horse? Your \$200 will earn you a seat on a carriage for Saturday!

Space is limited (first 30) so sign up early!  
 Contact Mary at: [MgSkyline@aol.com](mailto:MgSkyline@aol.com) to find out everything you need to sponsor her along her way –  
 Mary Gray  
 Jacob's Village  
 9 Jacobs Way  
 Newton, NH 03858



## Connecticut Valley Driving Club News!

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: June 7th Connecticut Valley Driving Trial

It's that time of year again! Loads of fun, excellent learning experience, plenty of positions still available from set up crew, to painting obstacles, to marking the course, helping with trailer parking, cones measuring, hazard judging and timing, score running, spotting, etc. Training provided. Morning and Afternoon shifts. Free lunch. You are indispensable! Don't forget, volunteers get first dibs on Fun Day.

Thank you!  
Please express your interest early!  
Email or call Andree Duggan  
aduggan@betterdaysalliance.org or 860-395-7283.

### Welcome New CVDC Members!

- Rita Bellinger
- Jody Humble
- Randy & Sheila VonSchoeler
- Joanne & Steven Griffin
- Barbara Batt
- Al & Susan Cyr
- Cornelia Hamilton
- Bonnie Kreitler

### Signer Needed!

(Letter translated by Andree)

"Dear CVDC,

I would love to join your club, but I am deaf and need an interpreter to help me during meetings and programs. Here is a picture of me with my horse. The American School for the Deaf is trying to help me find a volunteer. If anyone in the club knows how to sign and would like to help, please contact me directly. Thank you."

Debbie Boutwell  
Middletown  
hackneypinto@aol.com



Past presidents Jack Connors and Jim Bishop, along with member Rick Bouchard, enjoy a moment of rest during last year's Driving Trial.

### Club Ads: Cart for Sale

Wheels: 47 inch diameter; wood with solid rubber rim/  
Shafts: 76 inch long with black vinyl-covered ends/ Wood  
dash board with brass rein rail/ Rear entry with spilt,  
folding bench/ Bench and back-rests upholstered in back  
vinyl/ Storage compartment under driver's seat/ Had  
Brake/ EXCELLENT CONDITION!!! Just need refresh  
stain/ been in garage and perfect for show or pleasure!

Email me for pictures and more information at  
hackneypinto@aol.com

Debbie: Hackney's Hope Farm, Middletown, CT

## May is the First National Carriage Month! What is going on?

### Connecticut Valley Driving Club and Litchfield Hills Driving Club Observe First Annual National Carriage Driving Month!

The Carriage Association of America and the American Driving Society, both national organizations for the promotion and preservation of horses and carriage driving, have designated this May as the first annual observance of National Carriage Driving Month.

**For their part, The Litchfield Hills Driving Club will be holding their May picnic drive at The White Memorial Foundation in Litchfield, Connecticut.** The Litchfield Hills Driving Club is a carriage driving club headquartered in Litchfield County but drawing members from all over the state and from as far away as New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The club has been in existence for over 30 years with over 80 members ranging in age from teens to 90's. Interests range from national competition to local pleasure driving, with the overriding attention to the love of horses and the perpetuation of carriage driving. The picnic drive will be held on May 18th with the carriages leaving at 11:00 AM. On their return members will be gathering for a picnic lunch. Interested drivers or horseback riders must become members before participating (\$25/year/family) so please contact Dick Mangino, President @ 203-272-5257 for event details and membership.

**As part of this observance, Connecticut Valley Driving Club will be participating in a weekend camping trip...** Northeast Recreational Drive & Campout: May 17-18, Reynolds Horse Area, Escoheag (260 Arcadia Rd: Exeter, RI) You must be a CVDC Club Member to participate, or a member of the other regional driving clubs for insurance reasons. Arrive Saturday morning anytime after 9am. Ride and drive all day if you wish on the great dirt roads. Dinner Saturday night is a fireside-pot-luck and the same for breakfast on Sunday morning. Lunch -- you are on your own. Take a picnic out while you drive or come back to camp and join other drivers at the picnic tables.

This is a VERY LOW KEY event. Primitive camping - only one porta-pottie at the campground. You must bring your own camping gear for you and your horse. Portable stalls, electric enclosure, picket line, whatever you like to keep your horse safe at night. "It is very dark there at night so bring flashlights! We used duct tape and glow sticks on our mares blanket last year so that we could find her in the dark if she got loose!" says organizer Cat Luce, NE ADS Rep. Horse Campsite includes fireplaces, picnic tables, water, pit toilets, horse show ring, and trails. Dogs allowed on leash. Contact [catprints2@aol.com](mailto:catprints2@aol.com)

### Carriage Show and Tell!

The Carriage Association of America has declared May National Carriage Month. In celebration of carriages, the Granger Homestead and Carriage Museum of Canandaigua, New York is hosting a Carriage Show on May 17, 2008 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Similar to an automobile show, this is a static display event.

Do you have a carriage that is restored but don't drive it and want to show it off? Here is the place! Do you have a drivable antique? Bring it here! Do you have a modern reproduction? Let us see it! Do you have a 20th or 21st century vehicle that shows how carriage driving is changing with the times? Show the public! Do you have a sleigh that didn't see much snow this year? Take it for a summer outing to Granger! Got an unusual vehicle (commercial vehicle, hearse, fire wagon)? Exhibit it here for the day!

Bring your comfy lawn chairs. Present your vehicles on our front lawn along Main Street Canandaigua and reveal to the public the beauty and function of horse drawn transportation. Tell visitors what it is and what is unique or interesting about your vehicle.

Exhibition is free. Exhibitors will receive a Thank You for Participating gift. To manage this event, exhibitors must pre-register. Registration information, maps, publicity posters, etc will be available via our web site. To receive more information, please visit the Granger Homestead and Carriage Museum web site after mid-March at [www.grangerhomestead.org](http://www.grangerhomestead.org).

Additional contacts: main Office: 585-394-1472 or [info@grangerhomestead.org](mailto:info@grangerhomestead.org) or Denett Pimkowski at [dpimkowski@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dpimkowski@rochester.rr.com)

## Clinics and Other Events in the Region!

### Intro to Carriage Driving Clinic at Horse Power Farm

Again this year there will be an introduction to carriage driving clinic. The clinic will be held at Horse Power Farm in Turner, Maine on April, 20 in a large indoor arena with heated viewing room. The instructor will be Robyn Cuffey co-author with Jaye Winkel of the very popular book The Essentials of Carriage Driving. This clinic is very unique in that participants and auditors will not only get to view a wide variety of carriages and harness, how to properly harness the horse and safely put the horse to the carriage correctly, but a limited number of participants will actually get to drive a seasoned horse sitting beside a seasoned driver in a group format. Auditors will be participating in everything but driving the horses. There will be two sessions held: morning 9-12 and afternoon 1-4, you only need to attend one of the sessions. If you know anyone interested in the beginning phases of carriage driving, this is the perfect clinic for them.

For a registration form, please go to [www.sphomaine.net](http://www.sphomaine.net) and click on events. For more details about the clinic please email [Denise@sphomaine.net](mailto:Denise@sphomaine.net).

### Sterling Graburn Clinic at Rough Terrain Farm

A clinic with Sterling Graburn will be held at Rough Terrain Farm in Randolph Center, VT on May 21-26. Sterling is a wonderful clinician and provides excellent help and guidance for both driver and horse. Please call Leslie Haynes at (802) 728-5945 or (802) 279-5945 or email [lesliehaynes@verizon.net](mailto:lesliehaynes@verizon.net) for more info.

Sterling D. B. Graburn is the owner of Kingsforth Hall Training Center in Bonifay, Florida. He was the highest ranking North American at the 2006 Singles World Driving Championships in Pratoni, Italy, and is the 2004 FEI Top Driver North American Challenge Single Horse Champion. He drives single, pair, tandem, unicorn, and four-in-hand, and is one of the few whips in North America who competes in combined driving with a tandem turnout.

Sterling offers private lessons for competitive and recreational drivers and is an excellent clinician for both singles and multiples. Beginner and advanced levels are welcome for one or more days. Individual lessons address issues specific to the horse and driver or team and can be conducted in the indoor arena, outdoor track, or on the public road. A limited number of stalls and/or paddocks are available for out-of town horses, and there is plenty of room to camp on the grounds. Participants are invited to gather together at night to share a meal, compare notes, and watch event videos. The clinic concludes with a potluck dinner with lots of good food, wine, and interesting conversation.

Fee: An hour with Sterling is \$100. Auditors are welcome for \$25 a day. A 50% deposit is required to reserve your spot and is non-refundable after April 15, if you do not participate.

### The Carriage Barn is offering two great opportunities for new competitors!

Training Level Introductory Arena Events:  
April 20, 2008

These events are offered to give new drivers or competitors a chance to try their hand at Arena Driving Trials with the support necessary to make it a fun and enjoyable experience. The morning will start with walking the Dressage test to be sure all competitors know the test and are comfortable with the figures. Then everyone will drive the test and receive feedback from the judge. We will break for lunch, then walk our Hazards, plan the best route for each competitor, then have each competitor give it a go. We will then move to the Cones phase, where we will walk the Cones course, find all the best angles, and then drive it. As the event comes to a close, we will go over the scores so each competitor goes home with a clear understanding of how they did, what they need to improve, and a strong desire to come back and try it again!

We have a limited number of safe driving ponies you can use for the day if yours is not ready, don't waste another summer wishing you could do this – you can, we can help you make it fun!

Entry Fee \$100 for one or \$150 for both events, which includes Arena Event entry fee and coaching support for the day. An additional \$50 fee will be charged if you would like to use one of our trained horses. Horses must be reserved in advanced, a limited number are available. This is a Bring Your Own Lunch event.

Visit <http://www.carriage-barn.com> for more information and the registration form!

The Carriage Barn: Newton, New Hampshire  
603-378-0140

### Frostbite Series

Arena Driving Trials at the Carriage Barn, April 5<sup>th</sup> Arena Driving Events: Cones courses, Obstacles, and Driven Dressage. All in our lovely indoor arena. Taste the thrill of timed events, gallop to the frozen finish line. Spectators encouraged.

[Attp://www.carriage-barn.com](http://www.carriage-barn.com)

## Clinics and Other Events in the Region! Continued from page 8...

### Driving Clinic with Robin Groves

May 24 & 25 Memorial Day Weekend

Get away for the weekend at Penfrydd Horse Farm in beautiful Colrain, Ma. There will be two days of driving instruction including dressage, cones, and hazards with advanced driver, judge, and extremely knowledgeable clinician Robin Groves of Brownsville, VT.

Cost: \$220 (includes two lessons each day)/ Accommodations and stabling available on site at additional cost/ Lunch and Dinner provided at additional cost/ Limited Number of spaces available/ \$75 Non- refundable deposit required to hold space/ Auditors welcome \$25 per day/ Bring your horse or use one of our well-trained Norwegian Fjords.

For More Information Contact Ceacy Henderson at 413-624-8969 or e-mail [info@prosperitypaperworks.com](mailto:info@prosperitypaperworks.com)

Mail Deposit to: Ceacy Henderson, 107 Hillman Rd, Colrain, Ma 01340

### Colonial Carriage Driving Society is hosting a day of lectures and demonstrations

Saturday, April 19 at Orleton Farm in Stockbridge, MA

The first session starts at 10:00 am, with speakers Steve Holm and Jeff Morse addressing such topics as the selection of a driving horse, physical and mental qualities desired, and the pre-purchase vet check. At 11:15 am, topics include preparing your horse mentally and physically for the show season. Participants may tour the carriage collection during the lunch break, after which there will be live demonstrations in the indoor arena on driving bits, riding your driving horse, show ring smarts, and the proper turnout. Rick Fallon of Running Brook Farm will then discuss the proper fit of carriages and harness. The event concludes with a demonstration of driving a unicorn, followed by wine and cheese in the Coach Barn.

All drivers -- beginner to advanced -- are welcome. The event is rain or shine. Fees: CCDS members \$10; non-members \$20, non-member families \$30, and children under 12 are \$5.00. Registration deadline is April 12. After April 12, add \$5.

To register, send check (payable to CCDS) to: Harvey Waller, Box 801, Stockbridge, MA 01262. Call Harvey at 413-298-3119 for complete information or go to [www.colonialcarriage.org](http://www.colonialcarriage.org)

**President's Letter**... I'm really excited about the upcoming driving season and all the many things our club is planning. I'm really hoping we can find help for Randy Sabatino on the Program and Drive Committees. If you have ideas and energy, perhaps you would like to join her on these committees. I know she would welcome more input and help. Also, we need someone to head up Publicity to get the word out about the upcoming events.

CVDC has its first drive this month at Wimler's in Guilford. John Miller plans this drive, as he has for many years. It's a nice place to drive and ride in the spring as the footing is good. If you're a new member, feel free to come with or without your equine companion. If you're not sure, please call me personally and we can talk about it (860) 452-4133.

Charlie Wimler passed away last year at the age of 89. He was always very generous to the CT Valley Driving Club, allowing our club to use his vast property on the Guilford / Durham line for our first spring drive each year. His family now continues that tradition and we truly appreciate it. The property is largely flat (for the spring drive) but also features a very long hill that Charlie used to condition his pulling team. For the spring drive, the hill is optional. Charlie was a long time member of the Eastern Draft Horse Association and "one of the most respected men in the sport," according to long time friend, Jimmy Grover of Lebanon. Directions to Wimler's are on our website.

See you soon!

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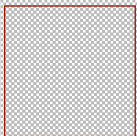
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