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Driving Society
Affiliate Club*

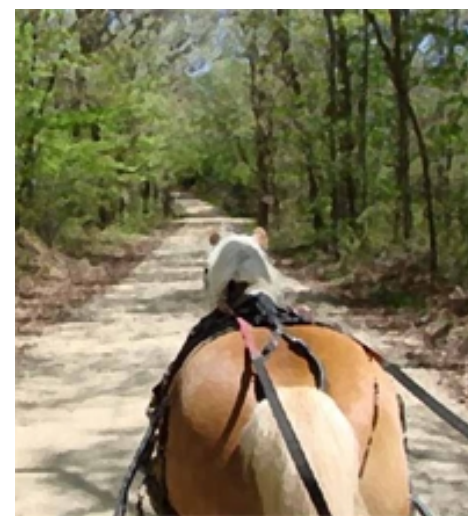
Connecticut Valley Driving Club is a member of ADS and maintains close ties to other ADS clubs in the Northeast Region. This benefits our members, who often like to participate in regional shows, event and drives. ADS also provides guidance, rulebooks, safety guidelines, trained officials and general support for our annual Combined Driving trial and for the annual Northeast Regional Club Drive which many members attend.



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Our Club



The Connecticut Valley Driving Club (CVDC) is a network of horse people with varied interests and experience, joining together for support, educational programs, clinics, monthly drive/rides, special events, equine advocacy, trail preservation, and social activities. Club members meet every month for a Saturday potluck, evening meeting and special program. CVDC hosts member drives at different locations around scenic Eastern Connecticut. Riders are always welcome at the drives, as are new members and guests. The club has members of all ages, from junior drivers to experienced seniors. We also welcome equine breeds and sizes from minis to draft horses. You do not have to know how to drive to belong, or even own a horse. Our club is friendly and is a fun place to learn and meet others with the same interests. Drivers are the friendliest of horse people, always looking out for each other or lending a hand. CVDC is a member of the American Driving Society.

Activities

Club Drives

From April through November, club members enjoy periodic drives in State Parks, on private estates, and down country lanes. Outriders are always welcome. Drives are usually followed by a relaxing picnic. Drive distances and terrains vary.

Programs

We often arrange for a special program presenter at our monthly potluck meetings. Topics range from harness fitting, to hoof care, to whip making, to equine art. Any member can recommend a program topic.

Connecticut Valley Driving Trial & Fun Day

CVDC's annual one-day driving trial attracts drivers from as far away as Maine and Pennsylvania. This "user-friendly" combined driving event follows ADS rules and provides members and non-members with an opportunity to learn about the fastest growing equine sport in the country. Members can also learn through volunteering at the event and participating in the Fun Day clinic on the grounds the following day. Some even go on to compete successfully nationwide.

Field Trips

There is usually at least one "Field Trip" each year, to locations a little farther afield. In the past, we have visited the Long Island Carriage Museum (arriving by ferry); John Greenall's Carriage House in Vermont; Newport Coaching Weekend in Rhode Island.

Clinics

Through annual clinics, members get the opportunity to drive with experts with experience in combined driving and pleasure showing. Past clinicians include Larry Poulin, Lisa Singer and Jeff Morse. Clinics cover harnessing, reining, driving, proper use of aides, and improving the performance of the carriage horse.

Join

CVDC welcomes new members who are interested in driving and taking part in club activities. You do not have to know how to drive to belong, or even own a horse. Membership is \$25/year (\$20/year seniors over 65). Membership includes family members.

Name

Address

Farm Name

City / Town

State Zip code

E-mail Address

Telephone Number

Interests:

- Recreational & Picnic Driving
 Combined Driving
 Pleasure Showing

Membership runs Dec 1 – Nov 30

- New Member
 Renewal
 Address Change

Send check and application to:

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