

2017 Club Events

January: No Meeting

February 4: Club Meeting

6:30 pm. at the grange 488 Town St. East Haddam CT

Program: Jennifer Nadeau Internal parasites and selective deworming

March 4: Club Meeting

6:30 pm. at the grange 488 Town St. East Haddam CT

Program: Cynthia Bliven - Conditioning your horse after winter

April 1: Club Meeting

Meeting 6:30 pm. At the grange 488 Town St. East Haddam CT.

Program: Smith – Worthington Saddlery Co. Leather Care

April 15: Club Drive: Machimoodus State Park

128 Leesville Rd. (RT. 151) Moodus CT Start Time: 11:00am

April 30: SPRING CLINIC WITH SCOTT MONROE at High Hopes, Lyme, CT

Scott Monroe is a native of Connecticut and lived in Sharon until recently. He was a three time National Combined Driving Single Horse Champion in 2005, 2006 and 2011, has represented the United States three times internationally at the USET level as well as once for Canada as a navigator. Honored with USEF Horse of the Year twice as well as Reserve HOTY twice and Morgan Horse of the Year with Shadow, a stunning black Morgan.

Scott has more than 20 years of driving and training experience and uses many methods of Natural Horsemanship. He is a PATH Level 2 Therapeutic Driving Instructor, ADS Combined Driving Judge and Technical Delegate. He offers clinics and private lessons nationwide.

- CVDC Members \$90.00 Non-members \$100.00 on a first come, first serve basis
- Auditors: CVDC members \$10/day, Non-members \$20/day

High Hopes has a spacious indoor arena with non-dusty footing and a heated observation suite with seating. Bathrooms, vending machines, and large center aisles for grooming and harnessing are some of the features — just a lovely facility with easy in-and-out and parking for trailers. Stalls are @ \$35/day if you would like one. There is a lunch room for auditors and participants to use.

We expect the sessions to fill up quickly, so reserve your spot early: Send check made out to CVDC Coggins and Rabies Certificate to Marguerite Hayber, 109 Chittenden Rd., Amston, CT 06231 Or call or email 860-267-6552 / marguerite@hayber.us — requesting AM or PM slot.

This is a non-profit educational opportunity sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Driving Club. Directions and additional instructions will be supplied upon registration.

May 6: Kentucky Derby Party / Club Meeting

Other Info Our May meeting routinely falls on Kentucky Derby Day - let's watch it together! Games and contests, maybe a little friendly wager. Time: 3 – 6 PM. Where: 22R Hicksville Road, Cromwell, CT. (Hicksville Road is a right turn off Route 372 up the hill from Exit 19 off Route 9 - Or off Route 91, exit 21, turn left onto 372, after going over Route 9 look for Hicksville Rd on right). The Haybers will supply BBQ meats and Mint Juleps. Please bring a dish and drinks of choice. Contact marguerite@hayber.us to let us know you are coming.

May 20: Club Drive: Pachaug

Pachaug State Forest Frog Hollow Equestrian Area Rt. 49 Voluntown. CT. Start Time: 11:00 am

June 3: Club Meeting

6:30 pm. At the grange 488 Town St. East Haddam CT

Program: TBA

June 10: Club Drive: Escoheag

Le Grand Reynolds Horseman's area 200 Escoheag Hill Rd West Greenwich RI. Start Time 10:00 am

July 8: Club Meeting

6:30 pm. At location to be decided by speaker

Program: Mules and Donkeys in driving

July 15: Driving Derby at Mitchell Farm:

CT Valley Driving Club's **Driving Derby** competition consists of three rounds over a course consisting of pairs of cones and marathon-type obstacles in a . Each driver will be timed through a numbered course of obstacles/gates in the proper direction and in numerical order to the finish line. Total time determines placings and the lowest time wins.

We are offering both training level and preliminary level. Drivers may enter horses of any breed and size, from minis to drafts. \$40 per entry. Helmets & Coggins/rabies required. Groom required for all turnouts except single mini or single small pony. Gates open at 9 am, mandatory driver's meeting at 10 am, first competitor on course at 11 am.

Mitchell Farm ([map](#))

300 East Haddam Road (Rt. 82)
Salem, CT, USA 06420

August 5: Club Meeting

6:30pm. At the grange 488 Town St. East Haddam CT.

Program: TBA

August 12: Club Drive: Salmon River Airline Trail

When Saturday, August 12, 2017

10:00am – All Ages

Where Salmon River Airline Trail ([map](#)) 231 River Rd. Colchester, CT

River Road follows the bank of the Salmon River from where Jeremy Brook joins Blackledge River to create the Salmon River. Our drive will follow this road to the Comstock Bridge, one of only a few covered bridges in CT. There, after we view the Bridge, we will turn around and return along the same road

back to our parking lot.

Directions:

Route 2 to Exit 16 (route 149)

Right onto 149 to River Road (from either direction on Rt 2)

Follow River Road (winding & hilly) to junction of South Rd and River Rd.

Note State Park Sign and CVDC Sign

Continue Left on River Road to parking lot on right.

From Route 16: can be tricky because if coming from East Hampton you will actually pass the Comstock Bridge. DO NOT turn in there. Proceed to the intersection of 16 and 149; turn left onto rt 149. River Rd will be on your left. (If you are traveling north on 149 cross over 16, continue on 149 until you reach River Rd on your left.) Google maps does a good job of showing this. If in doubt, call or email Marguerite.

September 9: Club Meeting:

Meeting 6:30 pm at the grange 488 Town St. East Haddam CT.

Program: TBA

September 23: Scurry at Mitchell Farm

When Sunday, September 24, 2017

11:00am - All Ages

Where [Mitchell Farm \(map\)](#)

300 East Haddam Road (Rt. 82)
Salem, CT, USA 06420

Equine Retirement facility located in Salem CT, easy access. Large outdoor ring just right for carriage driving.

From Hartford: Take CT Rte 2 East toward Norwich/New London. Merge onto CT Rte 11 at Exit 19, toward New London. Take Exit 4 off Rte 11. At bottom of ramp go Right onto Rte 82 West. Go .2 mile to first driveway on the right.

From the South (New Haven): Take I-95 North to Exit 70. Go left at the bottom of the ramp onto Rte 156. Go 8 miles to the "T" at Rte 82 (East

Haddam Rd.) Turn right onto Rte 82. Mitchell Farm is 3.5 miles on the left, just before Rte 11.

From the North (Boston) (I-95): Take I-95 South to Exit 82. Right at bottom of ramp onto Rte 85 North. Go 10 miles to the Roundabout at Rte 82. Go left (East) onto Rte 82 (East Haddam Road). Mitchell Farm is 1.5 miles on the right just after the Rt. 11 underpass.

Other Info 10 am start. \$20 fee/donation per entry. Contact Peter VonHalem at 860-889-6467 for more information.

October 7: Club Meeting:

6:30pm at the grange 488 Town St. East Haddam CT

Program: TBA

October 14: Club Drive at Lord Creek Farm

When Saturday, October 14, 2017
11:00am - All Ages

Where Lord Creek ([map](#))
373 Hamburg Rd (Rt 156)
Lyme, CT 06371

Lovely private estate with rollings vistas down to the CT River, and open to equestrians through club activities.

Directions: From I-95 north, exit 70, end of ramp go left onto 156N, go 2.6 miles to Lord Creek Farm on left. From I-95 south, exit 70, at end of ramp go straight onto Halls Rd. 1/4 mile to light, turn right onto 156N, go 2.6 miles to Lord Creek Farm on left. From RT 11, south to Rt. 82W, go south on 156 for 6 miles to Lord Creek Farm on right.

Other Info Club drive - 11 am. Rain date: Oct 15. Contact Kathie Rindge at 860-228-3801 to let her know you are coming and for details.

November 4: Club Meeting

6:30pm at the grange 488 Town St. East Haddam CT.

Program: TBA

November 19: Club Drive: Nehantic Turkey Trot

When Sunday, November 19, 2017

11:00am - All Ages

Where Cynthia Bliven - Woodland Farm ([map](#))

194 Beaver Brook Rd
Lyme, CT, USA 06371

On Beaver Brook halfway between Rt 156 and Gungy/Grassy Hill Rd, barn with silo. One mile to Nehantic State Forest. Barn phone: 860-434-3213. Cynthia: 860-333-4055

Other Info Club drive in Nehantic State Forest - 11 am. Come together for lunch after the drive - bring your own or something to share. Contact Cynthia Bliven at 860-434-3213 to let her know you are coming and for details.

December 2: Holiday Party: Town Tavern Moodus

Restaurant has been reserved for 6:30 PM. Please contact Kathie Rindge @ 860-228-3801 if you are coming, they need a head count.