

Long Lines



July 1, 2008

Results of the 2008 CVDC Election

In case you missed it, the results of the 2008 CVDC election are as follows, Andree Duggan has been elected for another year as president. Jan Frick has been elected as Vice President, Kathie Gregory as Treasurer, and Marguerite Hayber as Secretary. Thank you and good luck to our officers!

Send in your Show Results!

Send in your show results for the season so they can be posted in the next newsletter and shared with the club!

Visit us on the web at
www.cvdrivingclub.com

And join the
Electronic Mailing List

Add Your Photos to the CVDC Photo Album!

www.flickr.com/cvdc
Login: **ctvalleydrivingclub**
password: **driveon**

CVDC is looking for new places to drive!

The Drive Committee needs your suggestions! Requirements: enough parking for all size trailers, trails should be wide enough for pair carriages, and drives should last at least 45 min. Contact Randy Sabatino at (860) 873-3894 or cowhill@hughes.net

Long Lines Editor
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Cynthia Bliven Clinic in Lyme

CVDC's Cynthia Bliven will hold a driving clinic at her "Woodland Farm" on Sunday August 24. It will start at 8 am. Clinic slots are \$50/ lesson. Bring your mini, bring your pair, but please call Randy Sabatino 860-873-3894 or Cynthia Bliven 860-434-3213 to reserve your space ASAP. Cynthia is an excellent driving instructor so don't miss out. The clinic will be filled by CVDC members first, but all drivers are welcome. Auditors are welcome. Please bring your chairs, lunches and sunscreen.



The Marshall's new carriage horse!

Picture sent in by Jennifer Marshall: "Dozer, ten days old meeting Haillie, our granddaughter."

In this Long Lines...

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Pam Pruitt Back in Connecticut!

 by Anne Albee

I want to let everyone know that Pam is coming up August 11th and leaving August 25th. I will be setting up her schedule for lessons and also a clinic for all interested. Pam will be staying in Hebron at Milestone Farm where most of the lessons will take place. There is a large ring and beautiful dressage field. Plenty of space to park, too. We are looking forward to having Pam again for a little while! Please call to discuss time/date

Call: 860-365-0295, or call my cell 860-416-3392. If I don't answer, please leave a message and I will call you back ASAP.

Reminder: Send in your articles! Do you have any carriage driving stories you would like to share with the club? Learning experiences? Close calls? Humorous drives? How about a driving related collection? Show results? Carriage driving websites? Photographs you or someone else has taken? Send it to Krista! If you are not comfortable writing your own story, send the information and Krista can help you write it up! Help keep the newsletter fun and informative!

Calendar of Events

July 12 ~ LHDC Fun Day in Terryville , Ct. Contact Nancy Mangino 203-272-5257

July 12 ~ 6th Annual Carriage Auction, Lobster Bake and Concert at Skyline Farm Carriage Museum , North Yarmouth , Me.
Contact Pamela Ames 207-829-5708

July 4-6 ~ Vermont Heritage Days Show, Tunbridge (VT). www.vtmorganheritagedays.org/classlist.html

July 10 ~ NWCDHA Tail Gate Tag Sale & Pot Luck Supper

July 11 -12 ~ ADS Board Meeting at Endicott College, Beverly (MA). Clambake July 11. All ADS Members welcome. RSVP to ADS 608-237-7382

July 13 ~ Waldingfield Driving Trial, Ipswich (MA). Contact: Holly Pulsifer 978-356-3655

Monday, July 14th, Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA. CVDC Members welcome for an **afternoon drive** with your equine and for a 6pm potluck and to meet the Executive Director of the ADS, Susie Koos-Aker.

Celtic Cross Farm • 38 Ziembra Road • Dudley, Massachusetts • 01571 • 508-943-9709

July 18-20 ~ Fri-Sun – GSCA Look to the Mountain Drive/Ride, Chocorua (NH). Camping and swimming available Contact: Sonja & Bob Cahill 978-851-5124

July 19th ~ 'Celebration Of The Horse', 3Pm -6 PM to benefit Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement Program. Mitchell Farm is on Route 82 in Salem , Ct. ALL NEW EXHIBITS! \$20 per person in advance or \$25 at the gate.

July 19~ CVDC meeting at the Grange 6:30-We will compare some of the newer harnesses made by different companies. These will be brought in by some of our members. Bring a potluck.

July 20~ SPHO , Me. Pleasure Driving Show, Hollis Equestrian Park , Hollis , Me. Contact Ansley 207-688-4419

July 20~ PRIVATE drive (not CVDC drive) to be held - please call Randy Sabatino - 860-873-3894

July 27~ LHDC Drive at Murdock Farm Contact Richard Mangino 203-272-5257

July 27 ~ Summer Arena Trial, Newton (NH). Contact: The Carriage Barn 603-378-0140 or carriagebarn@comcast.net

July 27 ~ Fun Day at Orleton Farm, Stockbridge (MA). www.colonialcarriage.org

July 28-30 ~ Adult Driving Camp, The Carriage Barn, Newton (NH), Contact: 603-378-0140

August 2-3 ~ Saratoga Carriage Classic, Richmond (MA) Pleasure Driving Show, Obstacles, Dressage, Concours d' Elegance. Contact: Gina Handy, 518-583-4316 or gina.handy@saratogadriving.com

August 10 ~ CVDC Gardiners Nursery Drive and summer picnic, Cromwell. hold the date! Details TBA

August 13-17~ Walnut Hill Carriage Driving Competition, Pittsford , NY . Bill Remley 585-385-2555

August 16~ CVDC Meeting at the Grange. 6:30pm Bring something horsey that you would like to donate to the CVDC. (driving book, bit, halter, art, gloves, hat, apron, etc) We will hold a fun auction, or raffle. Don't forget your potluck

August 17~ LHDC Drive at Monica Ray's Farm Contact Richard Mangino 203-272-5257

August 22-24 ~ (NOT IN JULY) Green Mountain Horse Association CDE, S. Woodstock , Vt. www.gmhainc.org

August 24 ~ CVDC Cynthia Bliven Clinic at Woodland Farm in Lyme , Ct. 8AM to 4 PM. Contact Randy Sabatino 860-873-3894 or Cynthia 860-434-3213 to reserve your lesson time!

Calendar of Events**continued...**

Aug 30-31 ~ Rhode Island Carriage Days Pleasure Driving Show. Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley (MA).
Contact: Andy Marcoux 508-782-1720

September 3-7 Wed-Sun ~ Newbury Pleasure & Draft Drive/Ride, Play & Feast GSCA 30th Anniversary Celebration Weekend, S. Newbury (NH). Driving games, and pleasure drives all days. Chicken BBQ Saturday. Camping available. Contacts: Linda Woodbury & Marty Newell 603-938-5935.

September 5-7 The Laurels at Landhope CDE, Mary O'Rourke 610-486-6484

September 6-7 ~ GMHA Fall Driving Classic, So. Woodstock (VT). www.gmhainc.org

September 14 ~ LHDC Dirty Harness Drive at 12:30 at Lotta Rock Farm, Deb Leavy 860- 485-0363

September 20 ~ CVDC Potluck meeting at the Grange 6:30pm

September 21 ~ CVDC Cone's Drive/ Picnic, Contact Anne Albee 860-365-0295

October 5 ~ Connecticut Valley Driving Club Ride / Drive Pace. Lord Creek Estate, Lyme (CT). Contact: Kathie Gregory 860-228-3801

October 25 ~ CVDC meeting (will not be at Cowhill) This meeting will take place at Nancy Franklin's Marvel Farm on Route 82 in Salem , Ct. Our program will be a Reike demonstration. This meeting will take place earlier than our usual 6:30PM starting time. We will update this.

September 26 ~ Halloween Carriage Classic at The Carriage Barn, Newton (NH). Contact: The Carriage Barn 603-378-0140 or carriage-barn@comcast.net

November (?) CVDC Hollween Drive TBA Anne Albee and Olivia Duksa

November 15 CVDC meeting at the Grange Program: DR. Frank Palka will discuss Equine Cushings Syndrome, Insulin Resistance and Nutrition.

December 20 Annual Holiday Party location TBA Hold the date!

Sterling Graburn Clinic

Sterling Graburn will be giving a clinic at Eagle Creek Farm in Temple, NH on the weekend of October 18 & 19 2008. Private one hour lessons will be available for all levels of competitive and recreational drivers, singles or multiples. Sterling has a wide range of driving knowledge from singles to 4 in hands, pleasure to combined driving. He was the highest placed North American at the 2006 Singles World Championships in Rome Italy, and has twice been the single horse champion of the FEI North American Driving Challenge.

Eagle Creek Farm is a private farm located in Temple NH, between Manchester and Keene and an hour and a half from Boston. The farm has amenities such as a large indoor arena, outdoor driving area and three miles of on site carriage roads. Hazards and cones will be available to drive. Limited stabling available on first come basis, camping is permitted and there is the possibility of B & B type accommodations. Auditors welcome.

If interest warrants we will add days to this clinic. New Englanders will not want to miss out on this wonderful educational opportunity. Please contact Hannah Polson for more information at polshanb@earthlink.net or 603-878-2724 or 603-878-4741

Celebration of the Horse to benefit Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement

All New Equestrian Demonstrations and Exhibitions! Saturday, July 19, 2008 (Rain Date Sunday the 20th) 3 PM – 6 PM. Gate opens at 2 PM. Rt. 82 in Salem, Ct. Only \$20 per person in advance- \$25 at the gate. Children under 12 Free. Food and Refreshments available. BYOB! For reservations or information call 860-303-8705 or e-mail dee@mitchellfarm.org. See the website at www.mitchellfarm.org.

Dear Driving Friends,

I don't know if any of you are planning to attend the ADS Board of Directors meeting on July 11-12th at Endicott College in Beverly, MA. I've included a link to the ADS web page regarding the meeting (http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/sum_meeting.asp). All ADS members are invited and encouraged to attend and go to the clam bake at Holly Pulcifer's on Friday night in Ipswich - yum!

However, if you cannot attend the BOD meeting, I would like to invite you to another meeting on Monday, July 14th. The reason for this other meeting is that Susie Koos-Aker, the Executive Director of the ADS, will be spending a few extra days in New England and would love to have the opportunity to meet and speak with local ADS members.

John and Adrienne St. Cyr have graciously volunteered their Celtic Cross Farm in Dudley, MA as a location for our get-together. Dinner (pot-luck style) and meeting time is 6pm. The St. Cyr's have also extended the invitation to our equines if we should like to take them to the farm for a drive earlier in the afternoon. Please consider coming to the farm to meet Susie. Don't miss the chance to have all your questions answered and to get your ideas heard by the front office.

Sincerely,
Catherine Luce
Northeast Regional Director ADS

Monday, July 14th, Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA

Come for an **afternoon drive** with your equine and stay for a 6pm potluck and to meet the Executive Director of the ADS, Susie Koos-Aker.

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CVDC Club Ads:

One brand new
Ovation white on white
stripe, short
sleeve, ratcatcher shirt,
size 12. \$22.

One pair brand new blue
denim cotton/lycra stretch
riding jeans, PHD classics,
size 32. \$40 (Nice! Sell for
much more!)

One pair black Geo.
Schumacher breeches,
size 32R, new, but tried on
once. Elastic foot straps.
\$65.

One pair new Tuff Rider
blue denim cotton/lycra
riding jeans, size 30R.
\$30.

**Call Anne 860-365-0295
or cell 860-416-3392**



**Lisa Cenis 2008
Shoot That Horse!
Event & Farm Photography**

Dan Abbate and his standardbred at the June Driving Trial by "Shoot that Horse!" Photography

The Results of the CT Valley Driving Trial can be found online:

http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/08_results/08_CTvalley_HDT.asp

Also, Lisa Cenis of Shoot That Horse has posted Photos from the show, and each participant may request their FREE proofs (from all three phases) at www.shootthathorse.com

Motor Vehicles vs. Horse Drawn Vehicles

by Krista LaBella

Carriage Driving is a dangerous sport, and we all know this. Horses are living breathing beings, not machines, so even the most highly trained and well behaved equine is apt to be skittish, sluggish, startled, stubborn or just plain unpredictable! Plus, there is so much equipment that can get in the way during any abnormal situation or accident which can make a bad situation much worse. As carriage drivers, we all do our best to avoid these instances. We take precautions such as bucking straps and quick release buckles on our harnesses and carts and we "feel out" our horses before we go ahead and hitch them, all of these precautions are very helpful and beneficial to the safety of our horse and ourselves while driving.

But what precautions do we take while carriage driving on public roads? Many of us have brightly colored signs, reflectors, and/or slow

moving vehicle triangles on our carriages, some of us wear reflective vests; all of which seem to be aiding in the visibility of the obstructive rig trotting down Town Street at a decent pace. So, why is it that people still insist on speeding past us and our horses despite the color and the overall massive size of a horse and cart? (Even a pony and a cart is a pretty large "thing" hanging out in the street and should be clearly visible in most instances)



Krista LaBella driving her Morgan in East Haddam

Well, I don't know the answer- but I can make some pretty good guesses... first of all, some people just don't know any better. I know this sounds crazy, but there are horse-dumb people out there, and maybe they just don't get that a 900lb animal may get scared at a sudden noise and decide to hit the breaks, swing around 180 degrees and hightail it home as fast as possible. Or, there's the alternative, they just don't care.

At the beginning of June I was driving my Morgan gelding on a quiet country road in East Haddam while a friend of mine rode her gelding somewhere behind me in the grassy shoulder. We were heading out, talking and enjoying ourselves. Behind me I could hear a car coming up fast. The engine was revved and making a noise similar to a motorcycle, so as a precaution I turned my head to see the car and hoped that he would slow down as he approached. At this point he was at the top of a hill and we were at the base. He saw us because... well there's no way he didn't see us. I had my orange triangle, yellow reflectors, everything. He was far away, so he had adequate time to slow down and give me a wide berth, plus there was no oncoming traffic. Once my riding friend and I realized that he wasn't slowing down I asked her to give him the "slow down" hand gesture, which she did, yet he still didn't slow down. This irritated me but my horse and I walked on in our lane assuming that he would give it up at the last minute like so many other people do. Well, that did not happen. The man in the purple sedan gunned it past us giving my cart's wheels less than 3 inches of space. Fortunately, the idiot didn't hit me- and my horse didn't spook. I was outraged. He must have been going 60 mph in a 30 mph zone- I couldn't read his license plate he passed me so quickly- I had been doing everything right, yet this man could have ruined it all in an instant! And in his case he doesn't get the excuse of ignorance! He consciously chose to closely pass me putting me and my horse in danger. How scary is that?

So overall, what I am saying is that we do so much to keep ourselves safe while we are carriage driving, but there are so many other people that we need to watch out for... because people do stupid things! In some cases these things are accidental, but in others, they are consciously decided, such as in my own experience. But it's situations like these that seem harmless from a motor vehicle driver's point of view and then lead to more serious situations and car vs. carriage accidents. I shared my own story because my horse and I were fortunate enough to be unharmed by the speeding car, but others are not so lucky, which leads me to the following article that someone shared with me recently...

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Horse-drawn buggy struck by van in Maine; 1 dead

Article from Sea Coast Online (<http://www.seacoastonline.com>)

By **Associated Press**/ June 03, 2008 6:50 AM

“BUCKFIELD, Maine — A 9-year-old girl was killed and her 7-year-old sister remained in critical condition Tuesday with injuries sustained when a pony-drawn cart in which they were riding was struck from the rear by a pickup truck.

Police said an investigation continued, but it appeared the truck driver was blinded by the setting sun when the accident happened at about 7:50 p.m. Monday.

Oxford County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Tim Ontengco identified the 9-year-old victim as Grace Legere of Auburn. Her sister, Deanna Leger, was in critical condition at Maine Medical Center in Portland, where she was airlifted following the accident.

Sheriff Wayne Gallant said the girls were thrown from the buggy as it was being pulled along Route 117. The man driving the cart, Philip Trundy, 64, of Buckfield, suffered a broken leg.

The driver of the truck was identified as Loren Shackford, 55, of Buckfield. The truck is owned by Acadia Contractors LLC, based in Turner. Gallant said Shackford was brought to Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston so he could be checked for injuries.

Shackford was also given a blood test, as is routine, and there was no evidence alcohol was involved in the accident, police said.

One of the ponies pulling the cart escaped injury but the other had to be put down at the scene.

Steve Huffman of Livermore arrived at the accident scene before emergency personnel arrived. Huffman said he tried to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation on one of the girls for about five minutes, but failed to get a response. "I immediately started checking on everything else — the horses and the other little girl and checked the man again. Then the EMT showed up," Huffman told the Sun Journal newspaper in Lewiston.

Neighbors say Trundy is a familiar sight on Roundabout Road and North Hill Road, where he drives his pony-drawn cart most days at dusk. Neighbors said the wagon has warning signs and red lights.

Police were reconstructing the accident to determine if the driver was at fault, Gallant said. The sheriff noted that the setting sun can be blinding at that time of day on Route 117.

Information from The Sun-Journal.



Photo by Marguerite Hayber: "This was taken on Mother's Day- Randy's Commando- the view over the butt and between the ears."

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CVDC Driving Trial and Fun Day Responses and Photos!

Comments from members and participants...

 Your group was very accommodating and we did well considering the limited amount of time we had to prepare. . . Hope to be back next year.
 Thanks, Brad Bertele

Sophie and I had a terrific day. I knew I was really, really hot, but I had the greatest help. After the obstacles we went to the river and put buckets of water on her and she recovered great. She was really fit and uses her little body well. The vet seemed very happy with her. For me, I wasn't so sure how I felt on the way home, but when I opened my gift basket the heat was forgotten. Please let the CVDC know what a great show it was and how much it was appreciated. They certainly endured very unexpected weather. Thanks again for the beautiful accommodations, Laurie

Thank you so much for a fantastic day!!!! From my perspective everything was truly flawless! Kudos to your staff and all that helped out. I truly enjoyed myself and had a very successful day. I just wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for all your efforts. You can be assured that this would truly be an event that we will return to! Hope you are recovered from the heat and that you had assistance picking up the Park.

All the Best, Jackie Kane

Randy & I were happy we were able to last as long as we did on Sat. and we did end up going on Sun. and we were there @ 7am to about 11am. It was a great experience for Steel, although not too many people were around, we walked the courses and then I was able to long line him through the cones and some other obstacles. Steel even watched while Bunny's Morgan stood very still to be hooked to her cart. We were also able to get him down to the river and he went right into the water and loved it...

Thank You,
 Sheila von Schoeler

Photos taken by Krista LaBella unless otherwise noted.



Above photo taken by Maureen LaBella

What Our Volunteers Did to Help Put on the CT VALLEY DRIVING TRIAL!

Be amazed, take a look at all of the jobs and all of the people that helped make this year's show happen -- and with a Heat Index of over 100 degrees on Saturday. This doesn't include all of the "Pot Lucks" people brought to the Volunteer Dinner, and please forgive us in advance if you helped and you're not on this list. Please let us know. On behalf of all of the Organizers and Show Chairs, Competitors and Officials, Thank you!!!!

Lastname	Firstname	Thursday	Friday	SAT AM = 7:40a to 12:30	SAT PM = 11:30a = 5 ish
Albee	Anne		Sponsor Relations		Hazard #3 Crew
Armstrong	Sage			Cones Setter	
Armstrong	Kathy			Cones Setter	
Bellinger	Rita				Hazard #2 Crew
Bishel	Pat		Setup Assistant	Wheel Measurer	Marathon Starter
Bishel	Art		Setup Assistant	Wheel Measurer	Marathon Starter
Bouchard	Rick			5:45a Parking	
Connors	Jack			AM Score Runner/Refreshments	PM Score Runner/Refreshments
Dimeola	Herb				Floating Helper
Duggan	Andree	Co-Organizer	Organizer Duties	Volunteer Coordinator	Volunteer Coordinator
Duggan	Will	2p - Course Signs			Spotter #1
Duggan	James	2p - Course Signs			
Duksa	Olivia			Cones Scribe	
Frick	Ray		Help w/Hazards		Marathon End Timer
Frick	Jan			ScoreKeeper	ScoreKeeper
Gawlak	Leah			Cones Setter	
Gelston	Charlotte		Party Desserts		
Gilbert	Pat				Hazard #3 Crew
Gregory	Kathie	Cones Chair	Cones Set up	Cones Asst Judge/EMT	Hazard #4 Crew Leader
Gregory	Jim			5:45a Parking, Cones Steward	Spotter #2
Hayber	Marguerite		Setup Assistant	Show Secretary	ScoreKeeper's Assistant
Hulse	Michelle				Vet #2
Humble	Jody		Party Tent Detail		
Joseph	Bunny			Dressage Scribe	
Koso	Susan		Bring Show Supplies	Learner Judge/Dressage	
Kreitler	Bonnie				Hazard #2 Crew
Kreitler	Bob				Hazard #2 Crew
LaBella	Krista				Hazard #4 Crew
Lawson	Nancy	Co-Organizer	Organizer Duties	Back-up Cones Judge	Organizer Duties
Lawson	Bill	Co-Organizer	Organizer Duties	Organizer Duties	Organizer Duties
Luce	Aurora				Hazard #3 Crew
Luce	Cat				Hazard #3 Crew Leader
Lyon	John				Road Crossing Guard
Marshall	Jan	2p - Stake Driver			
McEvvitt	Carolyn			Cones Setter Leader	
McNamara	Cathy	2p - Stake Driver			
Miller	John			Collect Safety Sheets	
Millet	Marylou				Hazard #1 Crew
Palka	Frank				Vet #1
Quimby	Katie			Cones Setter	
Robb	Erica		Setup Assistant		Hazard #4 Crew
Rotaru	Joan				Vet's Assistant
Sabatino	Randy	Bake Ham,Turkey	Tent,Tables, Signs	Judge Caregiver All Weekend	
Sims	Kim				Hazard #1 Crew
Sullivan	Ann	Dressage Chair	Dressage, Radios	Dressage Steward Team	Hazard #1 Crew Leader
Sullivan	Maggie			Dressage Steward Team w/friend	
Sullivan	Ed				Road Crossing Guard
Sullivan	Biddie				Score Runner, refreshments
Tarryk	Henry		Building Obstacles		
Vacaro	Jill			AM Parking Team	
Vannelli	Martina	Setup Assistant	Setup Assistant		Hazard #2 Crew
Von Halem	Peter	Marathon Chair	Marathon Duties	Marathon Duties	Marathon Duties
Von Schoeler	Sheila			Cones Setter	
Von Schoeler	Randy			Cones Setter	
Williams	Sandy				Hazard #4 Crew
Williams	Donald				Spotter #3
Wind	Carrie			Koso Dressage Scribe	
Winkler	Jaye				Hazard #1 Crew

President's Letter...

Thank you for electing me for another year of service. It has been a pleasure to serve you and the club. We have a wonderful slate of officers this year with Jan Frick as Vice President, Kathie Gregory as Treasurer, and Marguerite Hayber as Secretary. Special thanks to outgoing VP, Herb DiMeola!

We also have many new members who are bringing their talents and energy to the club, and I would challenge all members to get as involved as you desire. No need to feel shy. There are so many things we can do, so if you want to try something, don't hang back!! Just jump right in with your ideas. Would you like to organize a clinic? There are people in the club who can help you find a place or suggest a clinician. Do you have an idea for club drive? Great! Pass that along to Randy Sabatino <cowhill@hughes.net> or bring it to the next meeting. What about a book review for the newsletter, or would you care to write up an article or send in a photo? Send it along to Krista LaBella <deftonesfreak@sbcglobal.net >. Do you have questions that you need answered? Feel free to suggest a program, as others probably have the same questions. Join a Committee: Drive, Programs, Publicity, Newsletter, Events, Trail Preservation, or create your own.

The more of us involved in constantly reinventing the club, the better! I've been a member since around 2000, and every year the club changes slightly as the members grow and change. There is really no limit to what we can do, as long as it's driving related. Here's to another great year with CVDC. Just a reminder, if you haven't already done so, please send in your Membership Dues! The form with mailing address is on our website at www.cvdrivingclub.com

Thank you! Andrée Duggan

World Championship for Drivers with Disabilities

After the dressage phase, the U.S. team is in first place at the FEI World Championship for Drivers with Disabilities, taking place in Germany. The Dutch are in second place, and the Germans are in third. The championship continues tomorrow with the marathon. You can follow the news and see some pictures at Jill's Journal on the CAA's website (www.caaonline.com). You should also be able to get news and scores at www.hoefnet.com. The U.S. team members (listed alphabetically) are Meghan Bengé of South Carolina, Mary Gray of New Hampshire, and Diane Kastama (the defending World Champion, from California).

Acadia National Park Drive (Maine)

We've ended up with an extra stall open during our long-weekend trip to Acadia (Fri 9/12 to Mon 9/15). If anyone was on the fence about coming, we'll help look for a room for the humans, or if you're up for it, there's definitely camping options. If you aren't familiar with Acadia, it's a fantastic, driving-friendly National Park in/near Bar Harbor, Maine (<http://www.acadia.net/wildwood/w95054ab.html>). You can rent stabling in the park for your horse, but it's in fairly high demand so it has to be reserved in January to guarantee the dates. If you're interested, please let Don Bradbury (dfbradbury@yahoo.com) or me know.

Regards, Kate B. kate4055@yahoo.com

The Carriage Barn (Newton, NH) has a limited number of openings available for the following:

July 14th -18th – Kids Driving Week #1 / July 21st -25th – Kids Driving Week #2 / July 27th – Summer Arena Driving Trial / July 28th - 30th – Adult Driving Camp / August 10th – Driven Dressage and Cones Day

For more information contact The Carriage Barn at carriage-barn@comcast.net, call 603-378-0140, or see the website at www.carriage-barn.com.

10th Annual Mid-Atlantic Recreational Driving Weekend

The Mid-Atlantic Pleasure Driving Weekend committee invites you to the 2008 Regional Meeting and Pleasure Driving Weekend at Fair Hill, MD, on July 31, August 1, 2 & 3. Fair Hill, home of the Fair Hill International, is a 5,000+ acre multi-purpose Natural Resource Management Area located in the northeast corner of Maryland. The Weekend 2008 Committee has three goals for the weekend: good driving, good friends, and good food, with a little education and entertainment thrown in for good measure! The stables will open at 11 AM on July 31 and close at 3 PM on August 3. Fair Hill has 30-40 miles of carriage-accessible trails, mostly dirt roads and open meadows. There will be a choice of line drives Thursday through Saturday and free drives throughout the weekend. You must either be an ADS member, or a member of an ADS club to participate. All participants must be registered in advance. To celebrate our 10th anniversary, we have added an extra day; the weekend officially starts on Thursday! Information and registration form available at www.americandrivingociety.org. (under Regions, Mid Atlantic page).

Independence Stable is hosting an **Open Barn** to celebrate the completion of our new 74' X 140' indoor arena
Saturday, August 2nd, 2008, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Driving demos by **Bill Duffy** and internationally known **Scott Monroe**, free raffle for door prizes, food & fun!!!
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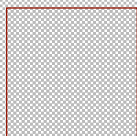
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www.cvdrivingclub.com

CVDC Photo Album!
www.flickr.com/cvdc

Be sure to add your photos. Password on front page of newsletter.



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