

# Long Lines

November 1, 2008

## Lord Creek Pace Results

**Drivers** (optimal time: 1hr 5min)

- 1st Marguerite Tomany
- 2nd Dan Abbate
- 3rd Robin Malkasian
- 4th Anne Albee
- 5th Steve Reid
- 6th Krista LaBella
- 7th Dave Bomster
- 8th Henry Tarryk
- 9th Nancy Franklin
- 10th Mary Washburn
- 11th Jan Frick
- 12th Herb Dimeola
- 13th Pat Gilbert
- 14th Monica Varni

**Riders** (optimal time 1hr: 2min)

- 1st Pat Gilbert / Anne Albee
- 2nd Robin Malkasian / Doni Hanshaw
- 3rd Melissa Evarts / Greg Dowler
- 4th Krista LaBella / Dorothy Billington
- 5th Carie Wind / Joan McManhon / Grace McManhon
- 6th Bridget Sullivan / Cosette Benoit
- 7th Jessica Fitzgerald / Laura Lucarelli

**Best combined time** (using same horse, same rider/ driver)

- 1st Anne Albee
- 2nd Krista LaBella
- 3rd Pat Gilbert
- 4th Robin Malkasian

## Important: November CVDC Meeting Date Changed

The Equine Affaire played a trick on us and moved the dates of their show to the normal weekend of our CVDC club meeting, so we're moving our meeting date to **Saturday, November 22nd** as many members will be attending the Equine Affaire. Come and enjoy a pre-Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, 6:30 pm at the East Haddam Grange with special program by vet Dr. Frank Palka who will speak to us about equine nutrition, cushings and other metabolic disorders.

## October Ride/ Drive Pace!

On the morning of October 5<sup>th</sup>, eager riders and drivers headed to Lord Creek Farm to compete in the CVDC Ride/Drive pace. This year, the competitors had a surprise in the morning-rain! Despite the weather, drivers started out on a mud-slicked course. Fortunately, as the final drivers trotted out of the gate and onto the trail, the rain let up and the sun peeked out for the rider's in the afternoon. Thank you Kathie Gregory and volunteers for another fantastic event.

For photos of the event go to:

[www.cvdrivingclub.com](http://www.cvdrivingclub.com)

Upload your photos!



Henry Tarryk driving his young Morgan Stallion at Lord Creek

## 2008 Equine Affaire

Yes, it's that time of year again! The Annual Equine Affaire in West Springfield, MA is quickly approaching. This year the event will be held November 13 through 16. Come to shop, or learn from the various clinics, seminars, and demonstrations. Craig Kellogg is the carriage driving clinician this year, who many of the CVDC members have worked with before. Don't miss his presentations on Saturday and Sunday. Also, be sure to check in at the American Driving Society booth and **volunteer** an hour of your time to promote the sport of carriage driving. This year there is no set schedule for ADS volunteers, so just show up in the morning and the ADS / CVDC will figure out a time you can help out!



Jan and Ray Frick at Lord Creek

For a complete schedule of events, exhibitors, tickets, and directions go to the official Equine Affaire website at [www.equineaffaire.com](http://www.equineaffaire.com)

## Calendar of Events

**November 22 ~ CVDC, 6:30 pm Potluck Meeting at the East Haddam Grange. Program: Dr. Frank Palka will discuss Equine Cushings Syndrome, Insulin Resistance and Nutrition.**

November 13 -16 ~ 11th annual Equine Affaire in New England will be held in W. Springfield, Massachusetts!

November 14 ~ LHDC Annual Meeting & Potluck Supper 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church, corner of North Street and Route 6, Plymouth, CT. Hostesses: Caroline Borkoski and Jan Rogers

November 15 -16 ~ Clinic with Lisa Singer - Newton, NH, [www.carriage-barn.com](http://www.carriage-barn.com)

December 12 ~ LHDC Holiday Party 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church, corner of North Street and Route 6, Plymouth, CT. Host and Hostess: Dave Breakell and Rosemary Werner.

December 13 ~ Wassail Parade, So Woodstock Center , VT For more information, contact Green Mountain Horse Association at: <http://www.gmhainc.org>

December 14 ~ Sleigh Rally- For more information, contact Green Mountain Horse Association at: <http://www.gmhainc.org>

**December 20 ~ Annual Holiday Party will be at Cynthia and Fred Bliven's Woodland Farm, 194 Beaver Brook Rd., Lyme , Ct. 860-434-3213. The eVite invitation will be sent soon.**

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### Member News

**Rudy Herbst**, founding member of CVDC, has passed away. A full tribute coming in the next Long Lines.

**Charlotte Gelston** has an "avulsion fracture" at the base of her ACL, microfractures at the top of the tibia, and a torn medial meniscus! This injury happened while dismounting from a horse "like a kid" a few weeks ago. The doctors have ordered her to stay off her feet for six weeks in order to avoid surgery.

Do you have any member news you would like to share with the CVDC? Do you have any pictures, advertisements, events, show results, or perhaps a story you would like to submit? Help Krista keep the long lines interesting and informative. Email [deftonesfreak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deftonesfreak@sbcglobal.net)



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See new Lord Creek 2008 Photos posted by members or upload your own driving photos from any event!

Left: Young rider at Lord Creek Pace!

## President's Letter

Recently, a horse named Jasper died. And while horses die every day, this wasn't an average horse. He was an extraordinary Welsh Cob from California who sent shock waves across the country with his passing this week. Jasper and his owner Diane Kastama won the Individual Gold medal at Mensport in Hellendoorn, The Netherlands, at the IPC World Carriage Driving Championships for Drivers with Disabilities in September 2006. He was also part of an FEI winning pair with his full brother Rupert.

Although exact details are sketchy, he was playing with his brother when they were visiting someone, the fence broke, they ran out into traffic and Jasper was killed. His brother Rupert was injured but is expected to recover.

This is one of saddest ways to lose someone. We do everything we can to keep them safe every waking moment. But every once in awhile, the greatest among us collide with our modern world in a most cruel and unforgiving way.

I was just reading about a young man, 26, who was snuffed out in an instant on the streets of New York. He had just arrived in the

Big Apple for a new and exciting job -- wasn't used to traffic. He didn't see the car coming as he stepped off the city block on that sunny morning. But the days that followed slowly began to reveal that he wasn't just any young man. Thousands of people from around the country came out of the wood work following his death as a testament to a great life. A short life, but a great life during which he touched so many. Were we all so lucky to live such a life.

And so I think this horse, Jasper, is not unlike that young man. Struck down in his prime, and yet lucky to have lived such an extraordinary life that touched so many people and equine friends. These great souls on Earth for a brief time are an inspiration to those of us who are still here. A reminder to take no moment for granted, to aspire to be the best we can be, to give fully to our pursuits and to those we love.

God bless the giants among us. God bless Jasper, a horse Diane obviously nurtured to the fullest of his abilities. He lives on in so many hearts. And although I never knew Jasper, learning about him now is truly an inspiration. Plus, as anyone who knows me will tell you, I have a soft spot for Welsh Cobs. Looking at his pictures takes my breath away. I can only imagine what it was like to be in his presence.

If you would like to reach out to Diane, you can do so by sending cards c/o Mary Gray, NE Rep, US Driving for the Disabled Inc, 95 The Lane; N.Yarmouth, ME 04097.

Sincerely,



Andree Duggan



Gold Medal Victory Lap 2006 / Diane Kastama and Jasper / Photo courtesy Allyn Carman

## Club Advertisements

**Contact Adrienne  
EQUICARE1@AOL.COM for the  
following:**

16.1 hand pair for sale. Bay mares with white markings, one drives single and pair the other drives pair. They have been to pleasure drives, through obstacles, and on quiet country roads. Five and six year olds. They have been hitched to marathon vehicles and a wagonette. 16.2 hand geldings to match also available. In Mass.

**Hi everyone,**

A friend of mine is looking for a pony (preferably) for her 5yr old son. The horse must be bombproof enough for a little one and will be used for trail riding with the rest of the family. They have 24/7 turnout from stalls. It's a very nice family in the Brooklyn, CT area and can provide references upon request. If anyone hears of any, please let me know. Thanks,  
Rita Bellinger -email:  
rita66\_2000@yahoo.com

**Want to post something in the next Long Lines?** Email Krista ([deftonesfreak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deftonesfreak@sbcglobal.net)) with your story, photos, advertisements, or news to see it in the next newsletter!

### New Website!

Debbie Boutwell has made a new website for her farm and riding program: Hackney's Hope Farm. Visit it at [www.hackneyshopefarm.com](http://www.hackneyshopefarm.com)

**Contact Debbie ([Hackneypinto@aol.com](mailto:Hackneypinto@aol.com)) for the following:**



Morgan mare for sale- 14.2 hands, 9 years old. Ride / Drive. LOVES work... LOVES people! Easy going, very willing, always curious and interested. She is good for pleasure driving or showing. She was a backyard horse for a year, then she was sent to me for retraining in order to sell her for my friend whose husband is ill. She is a truly lovely mare. (Photo- Left)

Handsome hackney pony gelding for sale- around 7 years old, almost 13 hands, ride/drive, beautiful movement, quiet, LOVES people and children, very friendly.

Also: 2 carts for sale

**Contact Rita [rita66\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:rita66_2000@yahoo.com) about the following:**

If anyone has any driving magazines they don't want, I'd love to have/borrow them. Those of us on low budgets who can't afford regular lessons, really appreciate and learn a lot from these articles.

### FOR SALE:

Surrey-top wagonette - Amish made, six passenger, natural finish with brown seats, running lights, pole & shafts. Excellent condition. Asking \$4000.00. New easy entry carts, mini, pony & horse size \$425.00 and up - see website for pictures/descriptions and other items for sale: [www.cedarknoll.net/horsesforsale.html](http://www.cedarknoll.net/horsesforsale.html), or call (860) 376-8110.

### For Sale

The Morgan Horse Magazine: Years - 1970 thru 1976 (some may not be complete).

Books: A Guide to Driving Horses - Sallie Walrond; Make the Most of Carriage Driving - Ellis & Claxton.; Abbot-Downing and the Concord Coach - Scheiber; Bristol Wagon & Carriage Illustrated Catalog 1900. Call (860-429-5306) for details & prices.

**Contact Randy 860-873-3894 for Pairs Harness:**

Zilco 1997 pair horse size harness- used- not pretty- but as strong as day one. Complete with race pads and parts to break it down to a single harness. Black with brass. Traces for snap shackles or slot ends. \$1000 or close takes it.

### TACK TAG SALE

Saturday November 29 / 10:00 - 3:00 / Benefit FFA / E.O. Smith High School / Rt. 195, Storrs / SPACES (with tables) \$25.00 or 10 x 12 \$40.00 / Questions: Cindy (860-487-0877 ext 4575) / email: [cchotkowski@eosmith.org](mailto:cchotkowski@eosmith.org)

## A NEW "STANDARD" IN TRAIL RIDING

### Part 1 of a 3 part series on Adopted Standardbreds by member Charlotte Gelston

Five years ago I had never actually met a Standardbred horse. All I knew about them was what I had read in books. I had been "match-making" free horses with people for twelve years at the time, a hobby that started when we adopted the first free horse for my daughter. Then I got a call from a woman asking me to find a home for her Standardbred. The mare had not been ridden for five years, because, as the owner said, "she has no brakes....the harder I pull, the faster she goes!" She had kept her as a pet because she was very sweet, safe and loving; but could no longer afford her upkeep.

I brought a friend along with me to see the horse. Beth had been half-leasing Rowena, my Morgan mare, for almost a year and was ready to have a horse of her own. I saddled the mare, put my version of a bitless bridle on her and mounted. She behaved perfectly, no pulling on the reins because there was no bit to lean on. I think that the bitless bridle provides an immediate "disconnect" from the track for these horses because it is so different. My friend adopted the mare, "Portia", (originally registered as Shannon Fun) with the proviso that she could board her at my place and that I ride her for the first month or so.

The easiest way to make a good trail horse is to use the herd instinct to your advantage. So Beth rode the Morgan and I followed behind on Portia, who copied everything that Rowena did. She learned to be an ace trail horse in two weeks. Soon Beth took over, and as their respective self-confidence increased, Portia was leading the group. Eventually they graduated to going out on their own as well. At the Equine Affaire two and a half years later, I noticed the Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organization of MA booth and stopped to chat with Kristy Milo. I told her how pleased I was with the Portia, and that I was looking for another horse. She gave me a list of five STBs who were available for adoption. A quick glance at the list, and the name in the middle caught my eye ...LORD JOHN. I called and talked to his trainer, Jack Hogan, and decided to go see the stallion. He was so beautiful that I have to confess, it was love at first sight, partly because of my Morgan

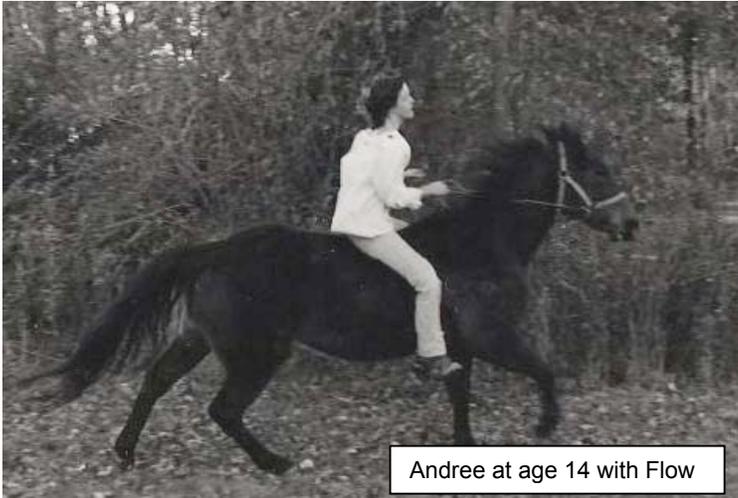


Lord John- "Jet"

background. He looked more like a Morgan than the typical STB, only much taller. But I truly fell in love because he was such an intelligent, responsive, steady and friendly horse.

I brought him home, rode him behind another experienced trail horse, and again within two weeks he had become a great trail horse. He absolutely loves to go trail riding. When he sees me coming towards the pasture with his halter, he meets me at the gate. He will go over, under, through or around anything that is in our path. About a month after I got him, we were on a large loop trail that had a certain section where it disappeared for a while. The horses that had been on that trail before knew the way, so it had never been a problem. This time, however, the Morgan gelding who was Lord John's pasture-mate, got confused and refused to lead. He looked straight at John as if to say, "Hey, you're the big boss in the pasture, so let's see how well YOU can do it!" So Lord John took over the lead, even though he had never been in that section of woods before. When I dropped the reins and said, "Let's go home," he rose to the occasion. He pricked his ears, looked around, and chose a direction. For over a mile he wove his way through uncharted woods, but kept to the general heading that he had chosen. We never did reconnect to the established trail that I had planned to follow, which headed much further north. He did one better! Instead we came out onto the same road, but directly opposite to where our home is "as the crow flies" about another mile away. He recognized that section of road, so rather than continue to forge a trail straight through another mile of dense woods between the two parallel roads; he turned right and followed it to the next road. He turned left onto that one, then left again, and completed the loop back to the house without my ever touching the reins!

To be continued Next Month . . .



Andree at age 14 with Flow

## My First Horse, a Standardbred Racer by Andree Duggan

Charlotte's wonderful article reminds me of my first horse, a retired off-the-track Standardbred mare name Flow. She was the best trail horse that I have ever had. I didn't know the trails when I started riding her at the age of 13, but no matter where we went, she always brought me home safely. Flow also won the Pleasure Horse class at the 4H show because I could canter and trot her along the rail with literally no reins. Flow was more than a push button horse, she read my mind and was one with me. I'm sure she would have been a great driving horse if I knew how to drive at the time. She wasn't afraid of anything.

Now I say she was my first horse, because she was in my life every day for two years. In fact, she was boarded at my neighbor's, but her owner never came to see her. I never even met them. I rescued her from her filthy box stall, cleaned it daily, and took for a ride with their permission from a distance. They lived several towns away.

Flow and I became so close, and it was with great dismay that I discovered her being loaded onto a trailer when I went to see her as usual after school one day. A little girl of around 9 was actually on her back with a crop trying to force her up the ramp and into a 2 horse bumper pull. Flow didn't want to go and was being quite difficult. When she saw me she really started going nuts. I was crying and pleading with the people not to take her away, but it was too late. She was sold right from under me and no one even asked my parents if we might like to buy her. I will never forget hearing her banging and screaming from inside that trailer for a mile as I ran crying up the road to my best friend's home. I think she was as upset as I was. I applaud the work Charlotte is doing to place these lovely animals.

### Smuckers Harness Closing!

After thirty-eight years in the harness-making business, Moses Smucker will be retiring. He is accepting harness orders until December 31, 2008, and is selling all remaining inventory. Some of the Smuckers Harness Shop machines are available for sale now and others will be available later. The goal is to be completely liquidated by the spring / summer of 2009. Moses Smucker's son, Daniel, will continue to make custom harness on a full- or part-time basis, most likely under the name D. M. Smucker. Moses wishes to thank all his good and loyal customers, and he is grateful for the friends he has made over the years. Please call (717) 445-5956 for more information.

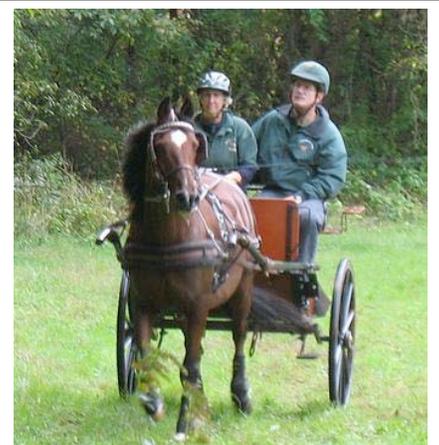
Information from the Carriage Association of America - October 2008 "Carriage Post" newsletter.

### Berkshire Coaching Commemorative CD

If you did not go to the Berkshire Coaching Weekend (and wanted to) or you went and had no camera or your camera died, I now have the answer to your dilemma. The Berkshire Coaching Weekend 2008 Memento CD is now available to the public. This CD contains 77 hand picked photographs of the 17 four-in-hands from the weekend set in a slide show put to English Renaissance music. This would make a perfect gift to give to yourself or friends this Holiday Season. Now available for \$24.99. Send check or money order to: Lisa Cenis, 13 Ranger St, South Hadley, Ma 01075



Dan Abbate in heavy rain at the Lord Creek Pace



Nancy Franklin and Company at the Lord Creek Pace

## Museum Welcomes Important Addition to its Carriage Collection

*Stony Brook, NY ... October 10, 2008 ...* The Long Island Museum (LIM) recently welcomed the arrival of the "Tally-Ho" road coach, the newest carriage to be added to the museum's vast collection of horse-drawn vehicles.

The "Tally-Ho" holds a unique place in the history of the sport of coaching. Colonel Delancey Astor Kane, a New York millionaire and socialite, became enamored of coaching while living in England, where he bought and drove the vehicle he named the "Tally-Ho." In 1875, he brought the coach to the United States and set out to introduce his new enthusiasm to his wealthy friends. As a demonstration, Kane financed a regular run of the "Tally-Ho" from Manhattan to Pelham, New York, which continued for a few years.

A New York Times article written at the opening of the coaching season in 1882 called Kane "the pioneer in what may be termed amateur-professional coaching in this country." Soon coaching became a favorite activity among wealthy gentlemen in New York and the surrounding area, and then spread to other locales.

In 1933, Kane's widow donated the coach to the Museum of the City of New York (MCNY). Later it came to Stony Brook on long-term loan, before returning to Manhattan. Earlier this year, as a part of its reassessment of collecting priorities, MCNY offered the "Tally-Ho" as an outright transfer to the Long Island Museum, recognizing the primacy of its carriage collection.



"Tally-Ho" road coach, Holland&Holland, London, c. 1875, Gift of Mrs. Delancey Astor Kane, through the Museum of the City of New York

The LIM Collections Committee, headed by Victoria Costigan, enthusiastically accepted the gift and the celebrated carriage was delivered to the museum, where it took its place among other stored vehicles awaiting conservation assessment. The museum is thrilled to welcome the "Tally-Ho" back, to take its proper place in the largest and finest collection of carriages in the nation.

Located at 1200 Route 25A in Stony Brook, the Long Island Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate dedicated to American history and art with a Long Island connection. The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for students. For information about current exhibitions, please call 631-751-0066 or visit [www.longislandmuseum.org](http://www.longislandmuseum.org). Contact: Julie Diamond, Phone: 631-751-0066 x24 / [jdiamond@longislandmuseum.org](mailto:jdiamond@longislandmuseum.org)

### October CVDC Meeting Recap

This monthly meeting took place at Nancy Franklin's farm in Salem, CT. We enjoyed a lovely potluck inside her spacious barn with horses peeking through their stalls, asking for some dinner too! Dinner was followed by a Reiki Presentation and demonstration by Liz Squire. She was very informative and gave members insight to the ancient method of energy healing. After the program there was a short business meeting.

For those who didn't attend the meeting, or those who misplaced their Reiki postcards, Liz Squire can be reached at (860)795-8690. She can give you more information on Reiki and the benefits of it, or you can schedule an appointment for her to use the method on you or your animals!

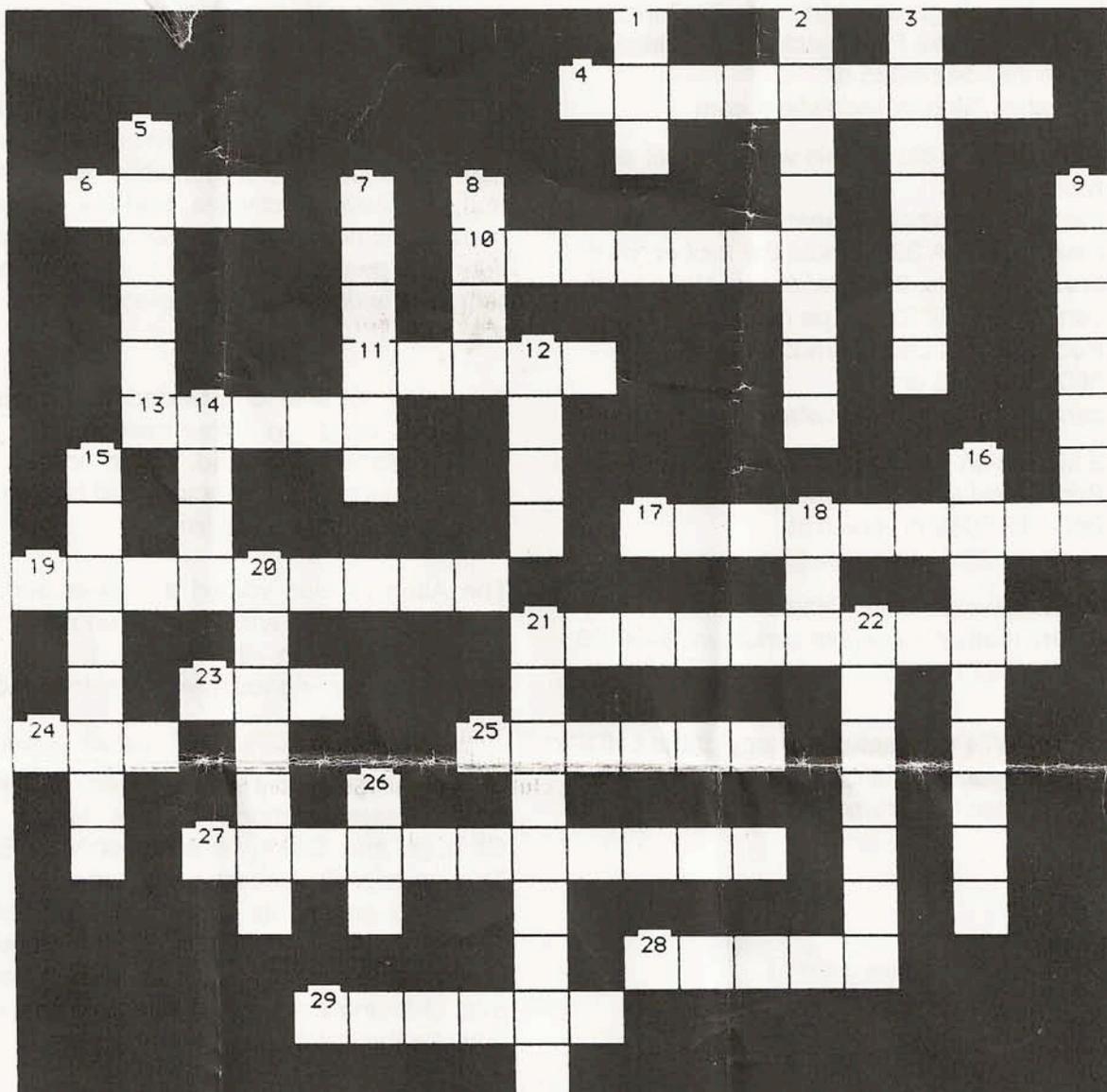
### Barefoot Hoof Care Home Movie Invite November 11th at 7pm / Killingworth

I would like to invite you to my home in Killingworth Tuesday November 11 at 7 pm to view the first disk from a clinic with Pete Ramey titled "Under the Horse-Hoof Rehabilitation Clinic". This disk contains 1)an introduction, 2)lessons from the wild and 3)hoof boots. This would be a good opportunity for riders/drivers to learn more about natural hoof care and talk to others about our experiences with the different hoof boots available. Those who would like to, can return on future dates to view the remaining disks including sole management, frogs, bars, heel height, hoof wall, etc.

RSVP Lynda Perry, DVM [cymaronfarm@snet.net](mailto:cymaronfarm@snet.net)

*Lynda Perry is a good friend of Andree's, and an Officer of LCRVHC. She's very nice to extend our members this invite.*

**Driving Crossword Puzzle!** – Answers will be in the December Newsletter.  
(Submitted by Anne Albee)

Across Clues

- 4 Cart designed for woman and children  
6 Carriage driver  
10 Vehicle designed for many passengers  
11 Keeps horse's head up  
13 Radial wheel support  
17 Pair harness type with breast collar  
19 Harness part which holds back cart  
21 Reduces rubbing of breast collar  
23 Loop on saddle for shaft  
24 Command to turn left  
25 Wheel rim pieces  
27 Type of Long Island cart  
28 Traces attach to these collar parts  
29 Sweil body cutter

Down Clues

- 1 Driver's seat  
2 New haven carriage builder - son became famous New York builder  
3 Front horses  
5 Horses go between these  
7 Harness part which pulls cart  
8 Attaches to pole end for holdbar  
9 Three horse hitch (two and one)  
12 Type of pole end fitting  
14 Pair horse go each side of this  
15 Most popular type of cutter  
16 Popular driving bit with curb  
18 Command to turn right  
20 Harness part under tail  
21 Carriage museum in Vermont  
22 Rein guides  
26 Driving competition with four tests



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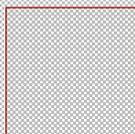
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