

# Long Lines

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## Tips on Conditioning the Driving Horse! This Saturday's CVDC Program

Is your horse in shape? How do you know? What can happen if they're not well conditioned for the demands you place on them? CVDC members will enjoy a program this Saturday evening on conditioning the driving horse. A panel of members with ample competition and marathon experience will offer their do's and don'ts. Come and share your own ideas or ask questions.

Winter wonderland potluck dinner, program and meeting at the East Haddam Grange, 6:30 pm. , Sat. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.



Above Photo: Kathy Gregory invited me over to sleigh ride. When I got there she and Dazzle were taking her neighbor, Tiffany, for a turn around the field. What a beautiful day. -Marguerite

Unfortunately, Nancy and I lost one of our "twins", Spice, this month. This is certainly not the first horse we ever lost, but practice doesn't make it any easier. But many times, both good and bad, I find something I can be grateful to the club for. I think driving a pair for me was one of those things you feel you have to try, like growing a mustache (the mustache has proven to be much cheaper). First I thank Don Rogers for telling me how much work having a pair is. Then I thank Nancy for going along with the idea and being willing to always be the person who has to jump down and run to the horses when common sense tells you to run away. Pairs teach you to always be nice to your spouse. Ivan "Woody" Wood came with us to Maine to look at the pair. Without his council nothing would have happened. In a brief moment of good judgement, I promised myself I would not drive these horses without Woody or Don with me for the first few weeks. They both offered many suggestions, but the one they both repeated most was, "just relax". The next thankyou goes to Woody again, for loaning us the Bronson wagon for our first club show. I just wish he had tightened the hub nuts or told me they needed it.



Thank you to Don again, for loaning us a hub nut after the wheel fell off just before the first class. The point is, as hard as the loss of Spice is, our experience with the pair has been a great learning experience, and our time with them has been filled with many moments when club members helped with good advise and good wishes and always made our experiences that much better. So for the eight and a half years of pair ownership, Nancy and I are grateful to the club for all the help. Thanks.

Dick Mangino

## Calendar of Events 2009

### February 7 – CVDC Mtg. 6:30, Potluck dinner at East Haddam Grange, Program on Conditioning

February 7- GMHA Sleigh Rally, So. Woodstock, VT

February 7- Annual Colonial Carriage Driving Society meeting & Banquet, Eastover Resort, [www.colonialcarriage.org](http://www.colonialcarriage.org)

February 10 - DAY OF SLEIGHING & MOCK SLEIGH RALLY. The Carriage Barn, Newton,NH

Contact: (603) 378-0140, or [carriage-barn@comcast.net](mailto:carriage-barn@comcast.net).

February 14-15 -New England Region Carriage Association of America Annual Meeting VT

February 15- Sunday 10:00 AM Brunch RIDC General Meeting and Planning Meeting for 2009 Events, Details TBA

February 17- A DAY OF SLEIGHING. Noon- 3PM. Your sleigh or ours. Come for a day of fun. The

Carriage Barn, Newton,NH Contact: (603) 378-0140, or [carriage-barn@comcast.net](mailto:carriage-barn@comcast.net).

February 20- Litchfield Hills Driving Club (LHDC) meeting, Barefoot trimming and boots, 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth

Congregational Church, corner of North Street and Route 6, Plymouth, CT. Hostesses Sue Vaill

February 21- GMHA Sleigh Rally Combined Test, AM Dressage & PM Cones, So. Woodstock, VT

February 24- A DAY OF SLEIGHING. Noon- 3PM. Your sleigh or ours. Come for a day of fun. The Carriage Barn,

Newton,NH Contact: (603) 378-0140, or [carriage-barn@comcast.net](mailto:carriage-barn@comcast.net).

### March 7 – CVDC Mtg. and Program (TBA) at the East Haddam Grange. 6:30 pm

March 7- Frostbite Arena Driving Trial I at the Carriage Barn, Newton, NH

March 8 - GSCA ANNUAL MEETING. Puritan Back room, 245 Hooksett Rd. Manchester,NH. Contact: Cresca Albright

(603) 525-3314 or [overlooked1@verizon.net](mailto:overlooked1@verizon.net)

March 11- Colonial Carriage Driving Society Pot luck dinner meeting, Orleton Farm 6:45 pm [www.colonialcarriage.org](http://www.colonialcarriage.org)

March 13- RIDC 7pm Coachman's Delight, 206 East Main Street, Milford, MA RSVP Andy Marcoux (508) 782-1720

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

### March 15 - Jeff Morse CVDC Spring Tune-Up Carriage Driving Clinic, 8:00am – 5:30pm, High Hopes, Lyme, CT

contact Marguerite Hayber [marguerite@hayber.us](mailto:marguerite@hayber.us) / 860-267-6552.

March 15-The Frostbite Series 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.

[carriage-barn@comcast.net](mailto:carriage-barn@comcast.net) or call 603-378-0140. [www.carriage-barn.com](http://www.carriage-barn.com)

March 20- Litchfield Hills Driving Club (LHDC) meeting, Ruth Beardsley- attorney specializing in equine affairs, 7:30

p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church, corner of North Street and Route 6, Plymouth, CT. Hostesses

Josephine Barker & Ruth Schleich

March 21- Frostbite ADT II

### April 4 – CVDC Mtg. Donna Dolbin, formerly owner of DD Rapps, will come to talk to our club about turnout (hats, aprons, robes, gloves). East Haddam Grange, 6:30 pm Potluck Mtg. [www.ddrapps.com](http://www.ddrapps.com)

April 4- Frostbite ADT III

April 5 - The Frostbite Series 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. [carriage-barn@comcast.net](mailto:carriage-barn@comcast.net)

or call 603-378-0140. [www.carriage-barn.com](http://www.carriage-barn.com)

April - TBA Martin Auctioneers Spring Carriage Auction, Lebanon Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA

April 12- RIDC TENTATIVE Borderland State Park Recreational Drive 259 Massapoag Ave, North Easton, MA

[www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/borderland/](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/borderland/)

April 17- Litchfield Hills Driving Club (LHDC) meeting and potluck supper 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational

Church, corner of North Street and Route 6, Plymouth, CT.

### April 18 – (Tentative) CVDC Spring Picnic Drive and Ride. Pachaug State Forest, Frog Hollow Horseman's Area. Go to our website for directions and forest map: [www.cvdrivingclub.com](http://www.cvdrivingclub.com). Two groups (slow and short, fast and longer). In partnership with Eastern CT Draft Club. Contact: Andree Duggan, 860-395-7283.

April 19- Colonial Carriage Driving Society, Schooling Clinic at Orleton Farm "Dos and Don'ts in the Show Ring",

[www.colonialcarriage.org](http://www.colonialcarriage.org)

April 19- The Frostbite Series Arena Driving Events – Cones courses, Obstacles, and Driven Dressage. All in our

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### May 2 – CVDC Mtg at Peter Von Halem's Farm (New England Carriages), Program on Carriages!

**Location: 279 Bozrah St., Bozrah. 6:30 pm Potluck dinner.**

May 3- Introduction to Carriage Driving – Group Lessons from 1 to 4pm. Space is limited so register early. Beginners welcome. carriage-barn@comcast.net or call 603-378-0140. www.carriage-barn.com

May 9-10 -Green Mountain Horse Association DRIVING TWO-PHASE & ADT South Woodstock, VT Contact: Karey Manner, W: 802-457-1509 kmanner@gmhainc.org

May 13- Colonial Carriage Driving Society Member Appreciation Day, Orleton Farm 6:00 pm, [www.colonialcarriage.org](http://www.colonialcarriage.org)

May 15- Litchfield Hills Driving Club (LHDC) meeting 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church, corner of North Street and Route 6, Plymouth, CT. Host Rick Goulet. Guest Speaker, Dick Lahey.

### May 16 -17 – CVDC and RIDC Camping Trip and Ride/Drive at Escoheag. Save the date! Details in upcoming newsletter and online.

May 17- Introduction to Carriage Driving – Group Lessons from 1 to 4pm. Space is limited so register early. Beginners welcome. carriage-barn@comcast.net or call 603-378-0140. www.carriage-barn.com

May 17- White Memorial LHDC Drive, richard\_mangino@netzero.net

May 24- Introduction to Carriage Driving – Group Lessons from 1 to 4pm. Space is limited so register early. Beginners welcome. carriage-barn@comcast.net or call 603-378-0140. www.carriage-barn.com

May 29 –31 – Garden State Garden State CDE, Horse Park of New Jersey, Allentown New Jersey USEF Selection Trial for Pairs and Ponies. In the Omnibus: <http://americandrivingsociety.org>

### June 6 – CT Valley Driving Trial, see ADS Omnibus for details: <http://americandrivingsociety.org> Click on Omnibus, and then view CT Valley Driving Trial

### June 7 – CT Valley Fun Day Clinics with Lisa Singer and Craig Kellogg Flyer in March newsletter!

June 7- Northampton Driving Society 23rd annual Pleasure Driving Competition NY

June 13-14- Eden Hill Pleasure Driving Show, Stockbridge, MA [www.colonialcarriage.org](http://www.colonialcarriage.org)

June 17-20- Carriage Association of America Conference, Morven Park, Leesburg, VA [www.caaonline.com](http://www.caaonline.com)

June 20-21- RIDC Two-Day Carriage Driving Clinic with Craig Kellogg Details TBA  
Mitchell Farm, 300 East Haddam Road (Route 82), Salem, CT

June 22-26 Beginner Horsemanship Clinic (Riding) – Introduction to Care & Handling of Horses – For beginners. No horse experience needed. For ages 10 to 15. Space is limited. Parental supervision is not required. carriage-barn@comcast.net or call 603-378-0140. www.carriage-barn.com

June 26-28- Bromont Combined Driving Event, Bromont, Quebec, Canada

### June 27 – CVDC Potluck Mtg at HEAP award-winning Milestone Farm – tour and program with HEAP expert on setting up and running a green farm. Hebron.

June 29-July 3- Horsemanship Clinic (Independent Riders) – carriage-barn@comcast.net or call 603-378-0140. www.carriage-barn.com

June - LHDC drive TBA- Platts Hills State Park (site of the old Winchester drive) led by Dave Godding

July 1- Training Level Introduction to Arena Driving Trial #2 – These Training Level only events are intended for first time driving trials drivers. carriage-barn@comcast.net or call 603-378-0140. www.carriage-barn.com

### July 11 – CVDC Clinic or Drive TBA

July 12- Murdock's farm. LHDC Drive, richard\_mangino@netzero.net

July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Kids Driving Clinic Week #1 – For Young Beginner students (ages 10 and under) who need to know "everything" there is to know about ponies, horses, and carts. carriage-barn@comcast.net or call 603-378-0140. www.carriage-barn.com

July 18-19- Lorenzo Carriage Driving Competition, Cazenovia, NY

July 26 - Colonial Carriage & Driving Society Fun Day at Orleton Farm, Stockbridge MA

July 27-28 - East Aurora Driving Show, East Aurora NY [www.eastauradrivingsociety.org](http://www.eastauradrivingsociety.org)

July 27 – 31 – Kids Driving Clinic Week #2 – For Advanced students ages 10 and up that are ready for competition level. Dana Bright will instruct this week's clinic. carriage-barn@comcast.net or call 603-378-0140.

July - TBA VT Morgan Heritage Days, Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Tunbridge, MA, Open Carriage Show on Sunday

July - TBA New England Morgan Horse Show, MA

## Calendar of Events Continued...

**August 1 – CVDC Mtg., 6:30p and Program at Bill and Nancy Lawson’s Farm, Durham. Barn Safety program with Center Aisle potluck dinner!**

**August 8 – CVDC Gardner’s Nursery Drive**

August 9- Summer Series Arena Driving Trial #2 – Divisions for Training, Preliminary, and Advanced levels will be offered. carriage-barn@comcast.net or call 603-378-0140. www.carriage-barn.com

August 10-14- Kids Driving Clinic Week #3 – For Beginner & Intermediate Drivers ages 10 and up. carriage-barn@comcast.net or call 603-378-0140. www.carriage-barn.com

August 12-16- Walnut Hill Pleasure Driving Show, Pittsford, NY

**August 20-23 – Newport Coaching Weekend (<http://www.newportmansions.org>) colorful, triennial celebration of horsemanship and elegance returns to Newport Rhode Island. CVDC club members wishing to, will meet on on Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> for carriage viewing and post-viewing activities!**

August 26- Colonial Carriage Driving Society Meeting, Orleton Farm 6:45 pm, [www.colonialcarriage.org](http://www.colonialcarriage.org)

August- LHDC drive TBA, richard\_mangino@netzero.net

**September 5 -- CVDC Mtg. Program and location TBA**

September 5-6- Rhode Island Carriage Days Pleasure Driving Show, Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA

September 7 - GMHA Fall Classic PDS, So. Woodstock, VT Contact: <http://www.gmhainc.org>

September 12 - Tub Parade, Lenox, MA

September 16- Colonial Carriage Driving Society Meeting, Orleton Farm 6:45 pm [www.colonialcarriage.org](http://www.colonialcarriage.org)

September 18- Litchfield Hills Driving Club (LHDC) meeting 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church, corner of North Street and Route 6, Plymouth, CT. Scott Monroe gives a long lining demonstration

September 20- Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club Driving Show, Genesee NY

**September 20 – CVDC Cones Memorial Drive, East Haddam. With picnic on the hill.**

September - LHDC Dirty Harness drive TBA, richard\_mangino@netzero.net

**Oct 3 -- CVDC Potluck Mtg. and Program at McCullough Farm, Lyme. Morgan babies!**

October 4- Introduction to Carriage Driving – Group Lessons Sundays from 1 to 4pm. Space is limited so register early. Beginners welcome. Use our trained horses or bring your own. carriage-barn@comcast.net or call 603-378-0140. www.carriage-barn.com

**October 11 -- CVDC Ride / Drive Pace at Lord Creek, Lyme**

October 11- Colonial Carriage Driving Society- New Marlboro, Traditional Day of Driving, [www.colonialcarriage.org](http://www.colonialcarriage.org)

October 16- Litchfield Hills Driving Club (LHDC) meeting 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church, corner of North Street and Route 6, Plymouth, CT.

October 21- Colonial Carriage Driving Society, Meeting, Orleton Farm 6:45 pm, [www.colonialcarriage.org](http://www.colonialcarriage.org)

October - LHDC drive TBA, richard\_mangino@netzero.net. Drive at Amenia with Mark Borkoski

**Nov 7 -- CVDC Mtg. Potluck Mtg with special guest – Dick Lahey Quiz Bowl**

November 13- Litchfield Hills Driving Club (LHDC) meeting potluck and election, 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church, corner of North Street and Route 6, Plymouth, CT.

**November 15 – CVDC Drive, weather permitting**

**December 5 – CVDC Holiday Party at Marguerite Hayber and Bob Dean’s home.**

December 11- Litchfield Hills Driving Club (LHDC) Christmas Party

## Carriage Barn Driving Clinics for Driving Trail Beginners

Do you think you might be ready to try an Arena Driving Trial this year, but are a little nervous about the details or wondering how your young horse will respond? The Carriage Barn in Newton, New Hampshire will be offering Training Level ADT Clinics March 1st and July 1st to give you the support you need to enter an ADT this spring and summer with confidence.

Mary Gray, experienced competitor and carriage driving instructor at The Carriage Barn will walk you through each phase. Each phase will be discussed, walked through, and then driven by each competitor. You will receive a score and at the end of the day, scoring will be discussed so you understand how you did. Participants should come familiar with the ADS Training Level Dressage Test.

With the Frostbite Series and Summer ADTs coming soon, this is just the thing to get you started. Check out The Carriage Barn's website, [www.carriage-barn.com](http://www.carriage-barn.com), email [carriage-barn@comcast.net](mailto:carriage-barn@comcast.net), or call 603-378-0140 to get an entry form. Auditors welcome.

## Saratoga Driving Association Driving Conference

The Saratoga Driving Association is holding our annual Driving Conference on **February 14 in Albany, NY**.

Our guest speakers this year are Scott Monroe, Holly Pulsifer, Maryalice Matheson, and Frank Albert. We will have a panel discussion on the international driving experience with the speakers and additional experts.

It is a warm, cozy, comfortable experience where we get to share and plan for our driving experiences when the snow and ice finally go away. It is a good place to meet people, share ideas, and learn some new things.

Everyone is invited and we feed you a continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks – all included.

For details go to our website [www.saratogadriving.com](http://www.saratogadriving.com). If you want to make a road trip from out of the area - hotels are cheap. If you sign up before January 31 there is a discounted rate. So look into making plans early. It is a very lovely event and even if you come by yourself - we'll treat you like family and introduce you to everyone.

Contact us if you have any questions - or grab a friend and just sign up. Carol Frank President - Saratoga Driving Association

## Rescue Horse Wins USEF Horse of the Year!

Many CVDCers gave seen Chester Weber out and about at shows. What they might not know is one of his four in hand is a rescue, and now that rescue has become Horse of the Year! The crowd at the USEF Horse of the Year awards banquet erupted with cheers and whistles as Jamaica's name was announced as the 2008 Farnam Platform Horse of the Year Award Winner. As Chester Weber approached the podium he was met by the Karen O'Conner, owner of last year's award recipient Theodore O'Conner, in a warm hug of congratulations. Chester humbly thanked the award sponsors, his team and all the people who have helped him, Jamaica and the rest of his horses become the true champions that they are today.

Jamaica, the 17-year-old combined driving horse that helped his owner Chester Weber win a silver medal at the FEI World Championships in The Netherlands, has made a place for himself in history as a rescue horse who has gone on to do great things. Fans of the horse with the "rags- to- riches" tale will be pleased.

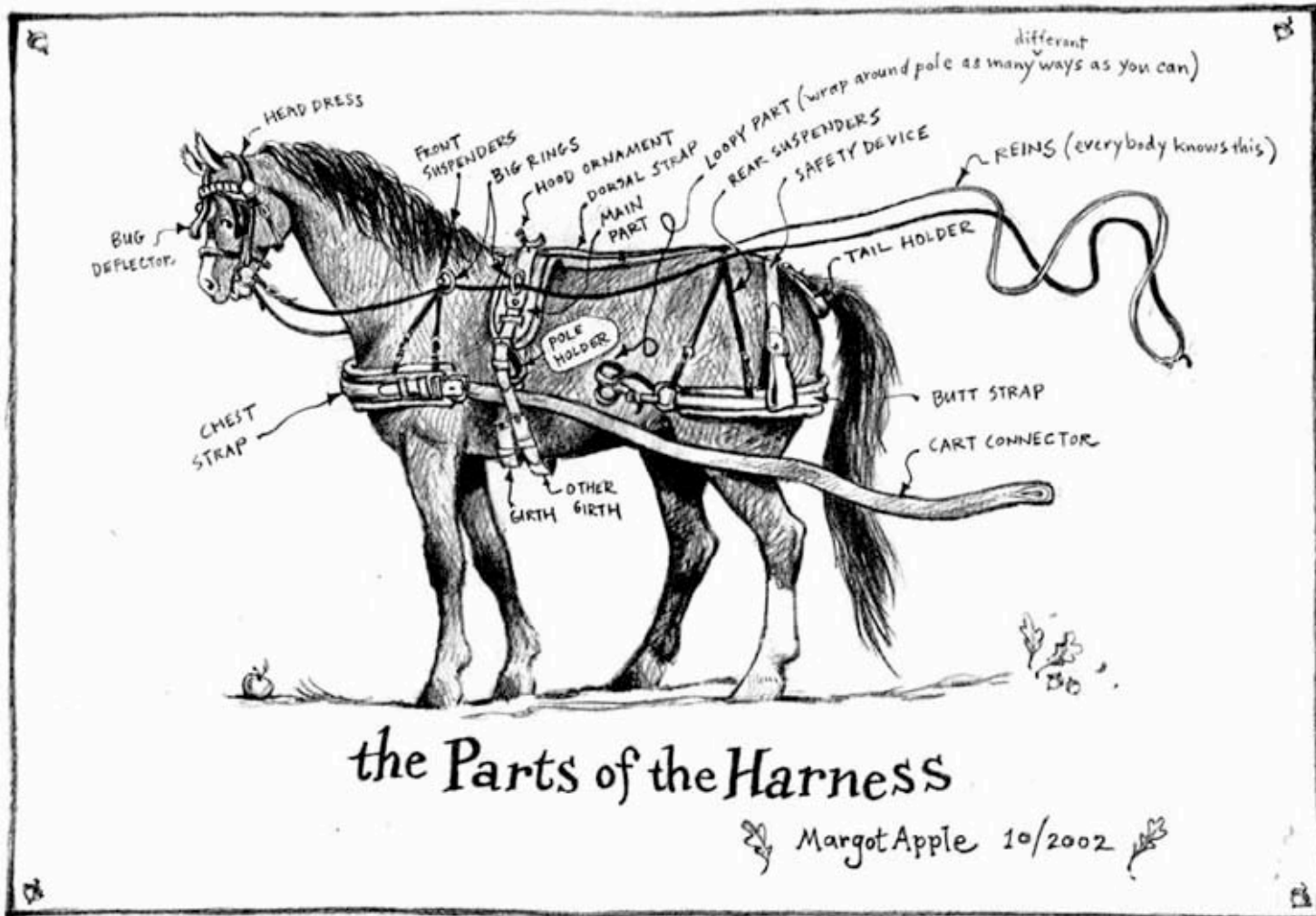
Jamaica's story started years ago in Europe where as an unwanted animal he was headed for slaughter. Fortunately for Jamaica, he was rescued and trained as a tourist carriage horse. His humble beginnings as a carriage horse were cut short, however, because he wouldn't stand still. Jamaica's antsy attitude didn't bode well for carting tourists from one location to the next - but that attitude would serve him well after Weber purchased him. Re-trained as a Four-in-Hand driving horse, Jamaica has become a valuable horse on Weber's world-class team.



Above: Jamaica, USEF Horse of the Year!

If you are a member of the networking site Facebook you can become a fan of Jamaica! To become a Jamaica fan, go to Facebook and search for 'Jamaica horse' to find his page.

Margot Apple is an illustrator of children's books who rides and drives Morgan Horses. She has a difficult time remembering the correct name for driving harness parts so she made up her own.



### A Weekend of Coaching: August 20 - August 23

Don't miss the triennial renewal of this historic tradition of horsemanship and elegance. Authentic 19<sup>th</sup> century coaches drawn by teams of four horses participate in a series of daily drives and demonstrations through the streets of Newport and the grounds of the Newport Mansions. There will be a **free coaching demonstration** on Saturday morning, August 22, on the grounds of The Elms. CVDC members will meet for the coaching demo so they can see the coaches up close, learn about their history, and enjoy the spirited horn-blowing competition. After the viewing, CVDC members will meet up for some fun activity TBA.

### Webcasts on Managing Pastures and Manure Feb 10, March 10

Free webcast series helps equestrians manage horse pastures and manure. The webcasts feature Dr. Dave Freeman from Oklahoma State University on February 10th, and Dr. Ann Swinker from Penn State University on March 10th. All webcasts will be held at 7 p.m. EST. Register now for the FREE webcasts at [www.myhorseuniversity.com](http://www.myhorseuniversity.com). All webcast will be archived for future viewing. For more information, visit [www.extension.org/horses](http://www.extension.org/horses).

**Come and Audit!**

**JEFF MORSE  
CVDC Spring Tune-Up  
CARRIAGE DRIVING CLINIC**

March 15, 2009  
8:00am – 5:30pm  
High Hopes, Lyme, CT



Photo: Denlore Photo

SBS Risky Business ~ 2006 New England Morgan Horse Show ~ Jeff Morse, whip

**Jeff Morse** is a nationally known competitor, trainer, clinician, author and Morgan Horse breeder, with over 30 years of experience. He specializes in training horses and their people for carriage driving. Jeff works with all levels of drivers to make driving a safe and enjoyable experience. The American Morgan Horse Association named Jeff 'Man of the Year' in 2004.

- This clinic is now full with a waiting list. However, we have plenty of room for people who want to watch and learn!
- Auditors: CVDC members \$5 or a potluck lunch contribution, non-members \$10/day

Send check made out to CVDC, to Marguerite Hayber, 109 Chittenden Rd., Amston, CT 06231 // 860-267-6552 / [marguerite@hayber.us](mailto:marguerite@hayber.us) or pay the day of the clinic.

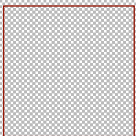
**Directions are available on our website: [www.cvdrivingclub.com](http://www.cvdrivingclub.com)**



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