

Long Lines



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Day Trip to Stony Brook Carriage Museum!

On July 25th, 2009 the Connecticut Valley Driving Club will be taking a tour of the 'Long Island Museum of American Art, History and Carriages' (formerly known as the 'Stony Brook Carriage Museum'). This trip is open to both members and non members so please, anyone come! This museum, if you have never been there, is just about the best carriage museum anywhere in the world.



Here is a picture of 3 of our 70 volunteers for the June show. Erica Robb, Marguerite Hayber, James Duggan on set-up day!

We still have seats available at \$38 per seat! This is a very reasonable cost. This fare includes round trip fees for the luxury coach and fun ferry ride, and your ticket into the museums. BYOB lunch on the ferry. We would like to fill the spots, so contact Randy and get your money to her ASAP!!! For more information check out www.cvdrivingclub.com.

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Learn How to Make Your Barn and Farm Green!

CVDC Potluck Meeting and Green Farm Program
This Saturday, June 27, 2009, 6:30pm
Milestone Farm - 119 West Street, Hebron, CT 06248

CVDC will hold its June meeting and annual elections at the lovely Milestone Farm, home of members Robin Malkasian and Kate Burr. An expert on greening your farm from CT's HEAP program (Horse Environmental Awareness Program), will be on hand to give us guidance on how we can do simple things to make our barns and farms more environmentally friendly.

Milestone is a HEAP award-winning farm set in Hebron, with acres of lovely green pastures and an amazing barn with a wide variety of equines. You won't want to miss this meeting. Robin and Kate always make us feel very welcome. Plus, you can learn how to become a HEAP award-winning farm yourself.

The Horse Environmental Awareness Program (HEAP) is a coalition of federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and individuals interested in educating horse people on Best Management Practices to protect the environment. The efforts of the group are funded by educational funds available through the United States Department of Agriculture's Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).

Be sure to come to the meeting to vote in our annual club elections!

Calendar of Events 2009

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 12- Murdock's farm LHDC Drive, richardmangino@att.net

July 13th – 17th – 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 25 – CVDC Bus Trip Planned to Stonybrook Carriage Museum! See Page 1 for Details!

July 25- LHDC Playday-Terry Allen Farm, Terryville, 10AM- Contact Nancy Mangino 203-272-5257

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

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

July 27-28- East Aurora Driving Show, East Aurora NY www.eastaurodrivingsociety.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. www.carriage-barn.com

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

July - TBA New England Morgan Horse Show, MA

August 1 – CVDC Mtg., 6:30p at the East Haddam Grange, Program TBA

August 1-2 -- Saratoga Classic Pleasure Show in Richmond, MA / more info at <http://www.saratogadriving.com/>

August 9- LHDC picnic drive @ John & Monica Ray's, Litchfield. Contact richardmangino@att.net

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 15- LHDC Pam Pruitt clinic, Lotta-Rock-Farm, Harwinton. Contact Anne Albee 860-365-0295

August 15 – CVDC Gardner's Nursery Picnic Drive, Cromwell, CT. Drive out at will in the morning.

August 15- Trinity Stables Trace Pace www.trinitystable.com

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 Saturday August 22nd for carriage viewing on lawns of Elms. We'll meet on steps of the Elms afterward the viewing, and we people can go gather and go out to lunch informally!

August 26- Colonial Carriage Driving Society Meeting, Orleton Farm 6:45 pm, www.colonialcarriage.org

August - LHDC drive TBA, richardmangino@att.net

August 29 – 30 -- Rhode Island Carriage Days Pleasure Driving Show, Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA. Labor Day Weekend. Save the date! More info www.ridrivngclub.org

September 12 – CVDC Potluck Mtg and Program, East Haddam, Grange. 6:30 pm. Carol Martin of Westfield Whip will come and talk to us about these magnificent and their fascinating history, and she will bring whips for people to buy following the talk.

September 12 – Trinity Stables CDE www.trinitystable.com

September 16 – Colonial Carriage Driving Society Meeting, Orleton Farm 6:45 pm www.colonialcarriage.org

September 18 – Litchfield Hills Driving Club (LHDC) meeting 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church

September 20 – Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club Driving Show, Geneseo NY

September 20 – CVDC Cones Memorial Drive, East Haddam with lovely picnic on the hill. A favorite!

Sept. 27- LHDC dirty harness picnic drive, Lotta-Rock-Farm, Harwinton. Contact richardmangino@att.net

September – LHDC drive TBA, richardmangino@att.net

October 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 the lovely Lord Creek! Mark your calendars!

Oct. 11- LHDC picnic drive, Wethersfield Farm, Amenia, NY-Contact richardmangino@att.net

October 11- Colonial Carriage Driving Society- New Marlboro, Traditional Day of Driving, www.colonialcarriage.org

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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.

Oct. 18- LHDC Pleasure show, to benefit Shepard Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center, Bristol. Contact richardmangino@att.net

October 31 – Carriage Barn's Halloween Horse Show Fun show for The Carriage Barn's Riding & Therapeutic students with a Fall / Halloween theme. carriage-barn@comcast.net or call 603-378-0140. www.carriage-barn.com

October - LHDC drive TBA, richard_mangino@netzero.net

November 1- Halloween Carriage Classic – Open Fun show with a Fall / Halloween theme. carriage-barn@comcast.net or call 603-378-0140. www.carriage-barn.com

Nov 7 -- CVDC Mtg. Potluck Mtg at East Haddam Grange, 6:30p, with special guest – Dick Lahey Quiz Bowl

November 20- 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



Dear Club Members,

For the past several years I've really enjoyed being president of CVDC. It has been a pleasure and an honor, and I've met so many great people and I've learned so much. I did my best to continue to grow the club, and I feel we're strong and in good shape. Today, I'm writing to let you know I have some big changes happening in my life, and it's going to be hard for me to continue as president of the club.

We are a strong club with amazing members, and I expect the new president will do their part to continue growing the club in new and exciting ways. Expect to see a continuation of all the things you have come to love about CVDC! Plus I'll just see you around!

All my best,

Andie

CT Valley Driving Trail – SHOW WRAP UP! By Andrée Duggan

Everyone enjoyed perfect New England weather this weekend for the 5th annual CT Valley Driving Trial on June 6th, put on by the CT Valley Driving Club. The one-day, 3-phase driving trial took place at Haddam Meadows State Park and was recognized by the American Driving Society. Drivers from across Connecticut and New England competed in Dressage, Cones, and Marathon phases for a best combined total score. A portion of the proceeds from the show will go to benefit the therapeutic driving program at High Hopes in Lyme, CT.

Judge Lisa Singer and Technical Delegate Craig Kellogg were a delight, and a team of 70 volunteers ran the event flawlessly. Before awards, Lisa Singer gave an on-foot dressage clinic for competitors, navigators, volunteers -- and really anyone who wanted to walk along. It was fascinating and highly educational. The following day, the club ran a Singer / Kellogg clinic.

The club would like to send out special thanks to the show's sponsors, without whose support the show would not be possible. Many of our sponsors also provided extra gifts for inclusion in the winner baskets. Some of them provided materials or manpower to help construct obstacles, dressage ring, and cones course. Our major sponsors included:

Premiere Competitor Gift Sponsor: The Paddock Tack Shop

Dressage Sponsor: Ballek's Garden Center

Cones Sponsor: Coachman's Delight

Obstacle Sponsors:

Obstacle 1 - "Garden Party" - Sponsored by Milestone Farm and Story Tella Farm

Obstacle 1 VSE - "Gnome Home" -- Sponsored by Cranberry Farm Pond

Obstacle 2 - "The Barnyard" -- Sponsored by Lakeside Feed

Obstacle 3 - "The Maze" -- Sponsored by Trinity Carriage

Obstacle 4 - "God Bless the USA" -- Sponsored by New England Carriage Imports

CONGRATULATIONS COMPETITORS and their NAVIGATORS and helpers. We're excited to post the winners, and we wish to congratulate those who were eliminated as well for giving it their all (and for joining the proud rank of competitors who have also been eliminated at least once!).

Training Single Pony

1 - Jacqueline Kane

2 - Jacqueline Kane

3 - Robin Malkasian

4 - Tom Pogwizd

5 - Leona Anastasi

6 - David Bombster

FOR SALE -- **Registered Lippitt bred Morgan**

Fondly known as "The Energizer Bunny", this is pure power and stamina in a relatively small package. Britty first proved herself as a riding mare, then went to a 25 mile CTR and came in 4th, winning us Rookie Horse and Rookie Rider against all endurance horses in a field of 30+. With her huge walk she not only keeps up with the big horses, she usually outwalks them. Britty would make an excellent endurance prospect for a smaller rider, or just a great trail horse. She is very brave and willing to try anything, and will do best with a confident rider who can make the most of her energy.

12 years old, 14.3hh • Easy Keeper, great hooves, barefoot • UTD • Trailers well • All bay, no white • Safe, reliable, goes alone or in a group

Also drives

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Results continued

Training Single Horse

- 1 - Cathy McNamara
- 2 - Al Gerelli
- 3 - Henry Tarryk
- 4 - Cheryl Rivers
- 5 - Kathie Gregory
- 6 - Andy Marcoux
- E - Jacky Smakula
- E - Dorothy Aiksnoras-Vallee

VSE

- 1 - Carrie Wind
- E - Rita Bellinger

Training Pair Horse

- 1 - Jeff Marshall
- 2 - Reva Seybolt
- E - Bonnie Jean

Preliminary Single Pony

- 1- Kaylee Angstadt
- 2- Christina Alsop
- 3 - Marcy Baer
- E - Nancy Franklin

Preliminary Single Horse

- 1- Katherine Prestero
- 2 - Linda Wilking
- 3 - Thurza Sillman
- 4 - Patricia Mann
- 5 - Lyn Howard

Preliminary Pair Horse

- 1 - Peter Von Halem

SPECIAL AWARDS

Training Champion - Jeff Marshall

Preliminary Champion - Kaylee Angstadt

Youth Award - Kaylee Angstadt, presented by the Sullivan Family

Best Conditioned Equine (vet's choice) - Kathie Gregory

Best Score Morgan Award - Al Gerrili, sponsored by the American Morgan Horse Association

Best Dressage Score Training - Jacqueline Kane

Best Dressage Score Preliminary - Kaylee Angstadt

Best Dressage Overall - Jacqueline Kane, Sponsored by Gypsy Woods & Mystic Shipyard



Photos by Martina Vanelli. Please login to Martina Vanelli's website to order your photos!

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/martinavannelli>

Above: Rita Bellinger with Bucky and Susan Cook

THANK YOU!!!

The Connecticut Valley Driving Club wishes to extend a special thanks to all of those who have provided advice, materials and manpower to make the 2009 CT Valley Driving Trial run smoothly and safely. This includes all of the volunteers Thank you!!

1. *Anne Albee*
2. *Julie Anderson*
3. *Ian Beck*
4. *Kenneth Bellinger*
5. *Rita Bellinger*
6. *Emily Berman*
7. *Beth Bigge*
8. *Art Bishel*
9. *Pat Bishel*
10. *Cynthia Bliven*
11. *Austin Bomster*
12. *Rick Bouchard*
13. *Bob Camp*
14. *Cathy Camp*
15. *Lyn Chapdelaine*
16. *Cynthia Chotkowski*
17. *Jack Connors*
18. *Kelly Damaj*
19. *Omyla Damja*
20. *Bob Dean*
21. *Andrée Duggan*
22. *James Duggan*
23. *Will Duggan*
24. *Jan Frick*
25. *Ray Frick*
26. *Leah Gawlak*
27. *Jim Gregory*
28. *Kathie Gregory*
29. *Marguerite Hayber*
30. *Michele Houston*
31. *Marc Johnson*
32. *Bunny Joseph*
33. *Krista LaBella*
34. *Bill Lawson*
35. *Nancy Lawson*
36. *Nicole Lemelin*
37. *Robin Malkasian*
38. *Richard Mangino*
39. *Andrea Marshall*
40. *Jeff Marshall*
41. *Jen Marshall*
42. *Lauren Marshall*
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44. *Cathy McNamara*
45. *John Miller*
46. *Heather Morrow*
47. *Eli Morton*
48. *Emily Nicole*
49. *Nancy Palmieri*
50. *Alyssa Payette*
51. *Roxanna Quirino*
52. *Erica Robb*
53. *Randy Sabatino*
54. *Kimberly Sims*
55. *Jan Smith*
56. *Doug Smith*
57. *Dawn Starr*
58. *Ann Sullivan*
59. *Ed Sullivan*
60. *Maggie Sullivan*
61. *Henry Tarryk*
62. *Jill Vaccaro*
63. *Nicolas Vaccaro*
64. *Peter VonHalem*
65. *Lynn Warren*
66. *Mary Washburn*
67. *Mary Wettemann*
68. *Carrie Wind*
69. *Jaye Winkler*
70. *Bill's helpful friend!*

Club News and Advertisements...

Pam Pruitt Lessons in August!

Pam Pruitt will once again be coming in August to give lessons. Don't miss the opportunity to have a lesson with Pam! They are \$65/1 hour each and will start at 8 a.m. and go until 4 p.m. Days available are August 9th, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22. All lessons will take place at Milestone Farm, 119 West St. in Hebron. In case of heavy rain, they will be held indoors at Iron Horse Farm in Colchester. If you are closer to Litchfield, there will be a day scheduled at Lotta Rock Farm on the 15th. Please call Anne Albee at 860-365-0295 at home or 860-416-3392 cell to set up your lesson with Pam.

American Haflinger for Sale or Lease



13 yr old Gelding, 14.0 hands. Terms Negotiable. Possible Package Deal with Cart and Harness. Drives like a Dream! For more information call 860-307-7211

FOR SALE: 2 AMHA miniature geldings

1 Pinto, 1 Buckskin. Perfect Driving prospects, *very* sturdy build, they are also a perfect/build match for a pair, currently ground driving, \$1,000 each come with carts and harness. Contact: rita66_2000@yahoo.com

Missing Chair: Whomever picked up the green camp/folding chair under the red/white (awards) tent on Sunday 6/7 please return to Rita Bellinger rita66_2000@yahoo.com

New Team Harness for Sale- \$500. Blue Nylon and lined Draft size w/black metal haymes and if you have any questions contact Vicky directly - vickylorant@yahoo.com

Woman Looking for Show Clothes: Size 18. Not looking to spend a lot because she recently had gastric bypass surgery and will be losing weight and changing sizes. For now she is looking for size 18 pants and jacket. She would prefer a dressage jacket but will settle for a hunter hack jacket for this year. She also needs boots, but she needs boots that zipper in the rear or side. size is either 7 1/2 or 8, probably the latter will be better. If anyone has anything please let me know and I will forward your contact info to them for you to negotiate. Contact: philcorn@jacquierauctions.com



Princess the mini had a clinic with Lisa Singer. This was taken just before she kicked the cart! She isn't used to a passenger and I told Lisa that she would let us know if she was not comfortable having one. No harm done, but message was heard loud and clear.

Photo and caption submitted by Mary Adams



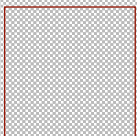
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