

2016 Events

February 6: Meeting & Potluck: John Allegra

Where East Haddam Grange ([map](#))
488 Town Street
East Haddam, CT 06423

Other Info John Allegra will join us to discuss 21st century livery. Potluck followed by program.

March 5: Club Meeting: CT Horse Council

Where East Haddam Grange ([map](#))
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East Haddam, CT 06423

Other Info Fred Mastele, President of the Connecticut Horse Council, will be speaking to us about good places to carriage drive or ride in our State. We think that we know them all, but probably there are places out there that we are missing. No potluck.

March 19: The Driven Image Conference and Trade Show

Where Hampshire College Amherst MA

Other Info March 19-20: Look for us at The Driven Image Carriage Driving Conference and Trade Show. Located at Hampshire College in Amherst MA. Details at www.shootthathorse.com/The-Driven-Image.html

April 9: Meeting & Potluck: Jenifer Nadeau

Where East Haddam Grange ([map](#)) 488 Town Street
East Haddam, CT 06423

Other Info Jenifer Nadeau, Equine Specialist at UCONN will join us to discuss horse conformation and related issues. Potluck followed by program.

April 17: 2016 Spring Clinic: Jeff Morse

High Hopes Therapeutic Riding
36 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut 06371

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. He is currently a Director of the American Driving Society and Chairman of the ADS Pleasure Driving Committee, Member of the USEF Morgan Horse and Pleasure Driving Committees and Treasurer of the Massachusetts Morgan Horse Association.

At the clinic Jeff will teach on an individual basis, one horse at a time for 45 minutes. During your clinic time you can choose what you would like to work on:

- Harness fitting and hitching to perfection
- Ground driving and improving communication
- Regular driving for pleasure or competition

§ Format: Individual 50-minute sessions, beginning at 8 am.

§ Fee: CVDC members \$90, non-members \$100 – first come, first served.

§ Auditors: \$20. Excellent sound system, you won't miss a thing. (Drivers: one groom free of charge.)

High Hopes has a spacious indoor arena with non-dusty footing and a heated viewing lounge with seating. Bathrooms, vending machines, and wide barn aisles. Easy in-and-out and parking for trailers. Stalls available @ \$35/day if needed. Some refreshments (coffee, etc.) will be provided. Please bring a light lunch for yourself.

Send check made out to CVDC, Coggins and Rabies Certificate to Marguerite Hayber, 109 Chittenden Rd., Amston, CT 06231 / 860-267-6552 / marguerite@hayber.us — mention preference for AM or PM slot.

May 14: Club Meeting

May 21: Club Drive: Pachaug

Where [Pachaug State Forest \(map\)](#)

219 Ekonk Hill Rd
Voluntown, CT 06384

Pachaug is a great place to drive. In the Chapman area is the Frog Hollow Horse

Camp -- a large circular road with 18 horse camp sites for parking, a center green with picnic camp fire area. Nice non-paved woods roads.

DIRECTIONS from Route 395 heading north. Take Exit 85, and continue straight past the first intersection (164) to Route 138 and turn RIGHT> Drive 6.5 miles and turn LEFT onto Route 49, and continue .6 of a mile just past the river, and turn LEFT into Pachaug State Forest on the LEFT. Follow that road in until you get to the intersection and stay towards the left. Don't go towards the office. Then simply follow the signs for the Frog Hollow Horse Camp in the Chapman area.

DIRECTIONS from Route 395 heading south. Take Exit 85, turn LEFT onto Route 138 and follow directions above.

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

June 4: Club Meeting:

6:30 pm at the grange 488 Town St. East Haddam CT. This will be a pot luck

Program: Evelyn Bailey from Ray of Light Farm will speak on Driving for Veterans program

June 25: Club Drive: Escoheag

Le Grand Reynolds Horseman's Area

200 Escoheag Hill Rd. West Greenwich RI to start at 10: am.

July 9: Club Drive at Machimoodus State Park

142 Leesville Rd. (Rt. 151) Moodus, CT to start at 10:00 am

July 16: Club Meeting:

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

Program: Tiffany Wyman from Nutrena Feeds will speak

August: No Meeting

August 6: Club Drive at Beacon Woods Stables into Meshomasic State Forest

298 Clark Hill Rd. South Glastonbury, CT Start @ 10:00 am.

September 10: Club Meeting 6:30 pm at the grange 488 Town St. East Haddam CT. This will be a pot luck

Program: TBA

September 24: Scurry at Mitchell Farm

300 East Haddam Rd. Salem CT. Starts at 10:00 am. A \$15 fee/ donation per entry will be requested.

October 1: Club Meeting

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

Program: TBA

October 8: Club Drive at Lord Creek Farm

37 Hamburg Rd. (RT 156) Lyme, CT. Rain date Oct 9 to start at 11:00.

October 15: CVDC DERBY

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

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

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

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

From the South (New Haven): Take I-95 North to Exit 70. Go left at the bottom of the ramp onto Rte 156. Go 8 miles to the "T" at Rte 82 (East Haddam Rd.) Turn right onto Rte 82. Mitchell Farm is 3.5 miles on the left, just before Rte 11.

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

Other Info NEW EVENT. Driving derby at Mitchell Farm overseen by Jeff Morse. A \$40 fee will be requested from each entry to cover fees and a donation to the farm. For more info contact Marguerite Hayber @ 860-267-6552

October 29: Carriage Collection Tour

When Saturday, October 29, 2016

1:00pm - All Ages

Where Bob Scarpa Carriage Collection ([map](#))

Cheshire, CT, USA 06410

collection of pony vehicles

Other Info We have been invited to view Mr. Robert Scarpa's wonderful collection of pony vehicles. Plan to arrive at Bob's around 1 pm. If you would like to carpool, contact Randy Sabatino at cowhill@hughes.net or 860-873-3894

After the tour, Dick and Nancy Mangino have invited attendees to gather at their home to socialize and enjoy some dessert. Their place is just three miles away @ 357 So. Brooksvale Rd., also in Cheshire. If you plan on going there after the tour, please be sure to contact Dick or Nancy at 203-272-5257 or richardmangino@att.net.

November 5: Club Meeting:

6:30pm at the grange 488 Town St. East Haddam CT. This will be a pot luck

Program: TBA

November 20: Club Drive: Nehantic Turkey Trot

Depart from Cynthia Bliven's Farm 194 Beaver Brook Rd. Lyme CT. Starts at 11:00 am.

December 3: Holiday Party: Town Tavern Moodus, CT

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