

Long Lines

August 1, 2008

Unofficial CVDC Drive on the Lebanon Green

These are pictures (far right) that Marguerite Hayber took of our drive on the Lebanon green on July 20th. Kathie Gregory is driving her horse Dazzle. Rita Bellinger is driving her mini. Bill and Nancy Lawson, Jacky Smackula, her friend Mr. Kingsley, and Marguerite were present. We had a nice drive on a very hot day. There was a cooling breeze under the trees as we ate our lunch on the green. It was so pleasant that none of us wanted to leave

By Randy Sabatino

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Gardener's Nursery Picnic Drive

The CVDC Gardiner's Drive in Rocky Hill will take place on August 10th. We will try to drive out at 10AM. Please bring water for your horses, chairs and your lunch. This will not be a long drive as part of the farm has been sold- but there are several loops you can take. The sandy footing is good for our steeds and it is pretty fly free. It is a great place to start a young horse new to picnic drives. Questions? Call Randy- 860-873-3894 (Directions on page 6).

Cynthia Bliven Clinic in Lyme, CT

There are 2-3 spots left for Cynthia Bliven's clinic on Sunday August 24 at Woodland Farm. Lessons cost \$50 each. Call Randy Sabatino 860-873-3894 or Cynthia Bliven 860-434-3213 to reserve space. Make sure that you are not left out.

August CVDC Meeting

Our August 16th meeting will take place at the East Haddam Grange at 6:30 PM. Members are asked to bring a few horse related items that they would like to sell and/or donate.

Before the actual meeting starts, we will have an informal tag sale or trade.

At the end of the meeting, we will auction any donated items to benefit our driving club.

So bring your unwanted horse/driving related stuff along with your pot luck and come and have some fun.



Calendar of Events

August 2 ~ Eastern CT Draft Horse Association 2nd Annual Carriage Pace at Blue Slope Farm, Franklin, CT
Contact: Jacky Smakula 860-642-7667

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

August 10 ~ CVDC Gardiners Nursery Drive, 10 am. Details Pg. 1, Directions Pg. 6

August 11 to August 24 ~ Pam Pruitt lessons at Milestone Farm in Hebron. Call Anne to schedule lessons/ inquire about a clinic 860-365-0295 / cell 860-416-3392. Leave a message if she's not available.

August 13-17~ Walnut Hill Carriage Driving Competition, Pittsford , NY . Bill Remley [585-385-2555](tel:585-385-2555)

August 16 ~ CVDC Meeting at the Grange. 6:30pm Tag / Trade Sale & Auction. Details Pg. 1

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

August 22-24- Green Mountain Horse Association CDE, S. Woodstock , Vt. www.gmhainc.org

August 24- 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. There are only 2 t 3 slots left. So don't delay!

Aug 30-31 ~ Rhode Island Carriage Days Pleasure Driving Show. Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley (MA).
Contact: Andy Marcoux 508-782-1720. This is just over the CT border. A fun time.

September 3-7 ~ Newbury Pleasure & Draft Drive/Ride, Play & Feast GSCA 30th Anniversary Celebration Weekend, S. Newbury (NH). Driving games, and pleasure drives all days. 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 6- 10th Annual Horsemen's Day at Cornish Trotting Park, Cornish (ME). A fun filled day of harness racing and under saddle demos. Post time 12:00 noon. Contact: Elizabeth Tewksbury 625-4616 or moonstonefarm@msn.com

September 13 ~ Tub Parade in Lenox (MA) Contact: Bob Coakley 413-637-3278 or www.colonialcarriage.org

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

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

September 21 ~ CVDC Cone's Anniversary Drive/ Picnic in East Haddam. Contact Anne Albee 860-365-0295. Directions on our website: www.cvdrivingclub.com

September 27-28 ~ Jeff Morse Clinic Series at Absolute Morgans, Vergennes (VT). Contact: Janet Yager 802-545-2457 or morgans@madriver.com

October 5 ~ CT 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. We will update this information in the September newsletter.

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 Halloween 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!

President's Letter

Dear CVDC Members,

Does anyone know of a location, a private estate with lovely shade trees, and nice driving lanes, something like Lord Creek but without the big hills, where we might be able to hold an event? The organizers of the CT Valley Driving Trial are toying with the idea of moving the event. Haddam Meadows has been great, but the lack of shade trees doesn't work well when weather is hot, as we learned this year. Also, the fact that Haddam Meadows requires our volunteers to build the entire course every year makes it less than ideal. No matter how well organized we are, it always comes down to the wire, since we're only allowed into the park to set up a day or two beforehand. This becomes an unpleasant marathon of sorts for the same handful of people. We need a change.

So in the interest of keeping the show a wonderful experience for competitors and volunteers alike, we're looking for a new home! We would like to find a place that would allow us to build a few permanent hazards. Don't forget trees and natural features can be obstacles. The event carries insurance through the American Driving Society, and of course all land owners are named as insured for the duration of the event.

A few other considerations: we're looking for something conveniently located for our members and for those from MA, NY, VT, NH; a place with a large flat space that can be mowed for dressage; it has enough in the way of trails to accommodate around 2 to 3 miles without a lot of looping back on itself; the landowner is friendly and wouldn't mind overnight stabling and camping on the grounds, oh and it has electric and water. Tall order?!

If you know of any such place that you would like to suggest we investigate, or which you would like to scout with us, please let me know.

Thanks so much!
Andree Duggan
860-395-7283
President, CT Valley Driving Club



Notes from the Secretary's Desk

CT Valley Driving Club Meeting 7-19-2008

Program: Harness Demonstration

Several club members and invited guests brought various harnesses for review, inspection and discussion.

Jackie Smakula brought a Hunts harness from Wisconsin. Mary Washburn brought an Ideal harness made by Andy Marcoux. Ann Sullivan brought another Ideal harness with difference features. Rita Bellinger brought her mini harness. It is approx. 40 years old, custom made. It was given to her by someone whose pony had died. Dick Mangino brought harness from the Amish Village Harness Shop in PA. Jan Frick brought her driving bridle from Andy Marcoux. Its focus was the comfort of the horse with rolled noseband, adjustable under chin and tapered head band around the ears. Cynthia Bliven brought a Freeman harness that is over 30 years old -rolled edges and high quality leather. Randy Sabatino brought her new Yonni harness from Country Carriages. Like the Freeman it has rounded edges and is well padded. Anne Albee brought a kicking strap as a safety device. This led to a good discussion about other safety devices.

At the end there was another good discussion about the pros and cons of leather vs. synthetic. These stressed the safety features available and the comfort of the horse. Of course price is always in the picture. The above mentioned harnesses ranged in price from \$600 to \$3000.

All in all it was an informative and lively program enjoyed by all.

Marguerite Hayber

Club Advertisements!

Call Anne 860-365-0295 / cell 860-416-3392 for the following items:

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 Jen 860-599-3242
for the following items:

Kuhnle Cart horse size (48" wheels) Good condition. Lanterns included. Will trade for road cart. \$3500 or BO

Horse size team bob-sleigh, pole and shafts, nicely upholstered cushions, good condition. Will trade for road cart. \$1200.

Really nice Gypsy horses for sale

Black horse size pair harness made by Yonnie's Harness Shop, never used-paid \$1200.00. Let's talk. (Call Jen 860-599-3242 or Julie 860-536-4591)

Call Ellen 413-528-1988 or email at pearson522@verizon.net for the following items:

- Mennonite made custom Wagonette with pole and shafts. All oak. Brakes. Removable fringed top. Front seat with whip socket. 2 longways back seats may be removed and replaced by one crossways seat, paralleling front. Steps for entry of driver, plus passengers. Fits in back of 8ft' bed pickup with tailgate down. Nice springs. Smooth ride. \$2000.
- Vintage Bobsled/Sleigh. 3 seater. Horsehair cushions. Pole. Light to lift. \$1500.
- Forecart. Homemade from truck axle. Grid floor, auto seat, hooks in back for logging. Pole. \$200.
- Meadowlark cart for draft. All oak. \$800.
- Nylon team harness, bridles. \$175
- Springtooth harrow. 2 sections. Adjustable. For team. Walk behind. \$30.
- One horse Cultivator. One broken handle. Usable in garden or as ornament.
- 16' tagalong Stidham Stock Trailer. 1989. Wide and high for drafts. Wired for lights and brakes.
- Handmade wood sled, person pole and handle. Deep red and hand striped. Looks good full of white birch logs at Christmas. Made by Bob Brennan. \$100.
- 10. Halters, pony to draft. \$10 Lead ropes. \$5. 2 bar bits with chin chains. \$10. 1 snaffle bit with chin chain. \$10.
- Light driving show collar. Brown leather. Perfect condition. 22 1/2". \$75.
- 2 Draft collars for medium horses. \$40 each.
- Hames straps, quarter straps, assorted lines, shaft hangers, etc.
- Spreader for between team or on side. Red, white and blue plastic circles on leather. \$20.
- 2 Western saddles. \$100.
- English saddle. \$100. Light horse bridle. \$25.
- Single trees, heavy, light, ornamental.

Wanted Ad: looking for new or used jingle bells in decent condition for horse/ harness – preferably used/ inexpensive, not spending a lot. Email Krista deftonesfreak@sbcglobal.net

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

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

Local Events!

Sterling Graburn Clinic

Sterling Graburn will be giving a clinic 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.

If interest warrants we will add days to this clinic. Please contact Hannah Polson for more information at polshanb@earthlink.net or 603-878-2724 or 603-878-4741

Open Barn!

Independence Stable in Belchertown, MA is hosting an Open Barn to celebrate the completion of our new 74' X 140" indoor arena. Saturday, August 2nd, 2008 at 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!!!

For more information contact Independence Stable at independencestable@yahoo.com or (413) 284-0371

Goshen Fair Draft Horse Show Saturday August 30, 2008

The Goshen Fair in Goshen, CT is scheduled for August 30, 31 & September 1 this year. The Draft Horse Show continues to be a wonderful attraction on Saturday and we are hoping that you will be showing with us. The judge this year will be Sandy Taylor-Coughlin, Schulenburg, TX. Due to popular demand we have made a few class changes for the show this year. We have removed the egg & spoon and replaced it with 'Draft Horse under Saddle - English/Western' class. We hope that this class will be a nice addition to the show. We have also changed the Two-Horse Hitch, Farm Harness class to be a Men's Team Hitch, Farm Harness class. There are numerous different driving and hitch classes to participate in as well.

For more information, class list, and entry form please feel free to give Stacie C. Lynch a call after 7 p.m. at (860)491-0203 or email her at slynch@utopiapercherons.com

Pam Pruitt Lessons

Pam Pruitt will be giving lessons August 11- August 24. A clinic may also be held. The lessons will be held at Milestone Farm. Call Anne to schedule lessons/ inquire about a clinic 860-365-0295 / cell 860-416-3392. Leave a message if she's not available.



Left: "Cathy McNamara driving two of Gypsy Woods' mares (Windy and Dory) through the cones at the Mitchell Farm fundraiser called "celebration of the Horse" which was held on July 19th. I'm the unseen groom!"

Submitted by Jen Marshall

Photo by Cheryl Miller

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.

Olympic Equestrian Schedule!

With the Olympic Games rapidly approaching, we wanted to provide you with the television schedule as recently released by NBC. Please note, the coverage periods INCLUDE equestrian, but are not limited to it, so it is unknown how much time will be specifically devoted to equestrian.

Go Team USA!!!

DATE	DISCIPLINE	TIME OF COVERAGE	TV STATION
August 9	Team Eventing – Dressage	2:00 AM – 2:00 PM	USA
August 10	Team Eventing – Dressage	NO COVERAGE	N/A
August 11	Team & Individual Eventing – CC	6:00 – 8:00 PM	OXYGEN
August 12	Team & Individual Eventing – Jumping Team & Individual Eventing – Medals	6:00 – 8:00 PM	OXYGEN
August 13	Team Dressage – First Round	6:00 – 8:00 PM	OXYGEN
August 14	Team Dressage – Second Round Team Dressage - Medals	6:00 – 8:00 PM	OXYGEN
August 15	Individual Jumping – Qualifier	6:00 – 8:00 PM	OXYGEN
August 16	Individual Dressage	5:00 AM – 5:00 PM	MSNBC
August 17	Team Jumping – Qualifier	10:00 AM – 6:00 PM	NBC
August 18	Team Jumping – Final Team Jumping – Medals	6:00 – 8:00 PM	OXYGEN
August 19	Individual Dressage – Final Individual Dressage – Medals	6:00 – 8:00 PM	OXYGEN
August 21	Individual Jumping – Final Individual Jumping – Medals	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	NBC

Gardner's Nursery Directions

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From Middletown going North on Route 9, get on 91 North and take Exit 23 (West Street) in Rocky Hill. Go LEFT at the end of the exit.

If you are coming from Hartford on Route 91 South, take Exit 23 (West Street) in Rocky Hill. Go RIGHT at the end of the exit. Go LEFT at the stoplight onto Cromwell Avenue (Route 3). Pass over (under?) Route 91 and take a LEFT onto Brook Street. Gardner's Nursery will be down about 1/4 mile on your RIGHT at 400 Brook Street.

Some of the Nursery has been sold for development so wait until John Miller explains our driving routes before you drive out.



Above: Randy Sabatino's Pair at the Lebanon Green picnic drive.

Support The 2008 World Singles Team!

Your Donation To The World Singles Driving Team
Makes You Eligible To Win One Of 5 Great Prizes!
Tickets \$25.00 each. Five for \$100.

All proceeds will be donated to the World Singles Driving Team

Drawing is September 7, 2008 at the Laurels at Landhope. You do not have to be present to win!

First Draw: Zilco Classic Harness – Any Size

Donated by Celine & Gary Rickards - Carriage Driving Essentials Mariposa, CA and Zilco, Australia

This beautiful, practical harness looks great and is a real work saver. Just hose it off and you're done!

www.carriagedrivingessentials.com



Second Draw: Weekend at the Florida Carriage Museum and Resort

Donated by the Florida Carriage Museum and Resort

This is a wonderful weekend getaway! Accommodations for two people and two stalls for two nights. Schedule subject to availability.

www.fcmr.org

Third Draw: One month Training with Robin and Wilson Groves

Donated by Robin and Wilson Groves

Riding or Driving Training & Board in Brownsville, VT or at Black Prong in Florida Feb/Mar. (Board not included at Black Prong)

Fourth Draw: A breeding to a Proud Meadows Friesian Stallion

Donated by Jim Mosebrook

Choose any of their wonderful stallions to be the proud papa of your next champion. Proud Meadows will ship fresh, cooled semen.

www.proudmeadows.com

Fifth Draw: "The Celebrated Four In Hand Stallion Team" Limited AMHA Print

Donated by AMHA and Donna Crookston

Framed, numbered Currier & Ives print. Signed by AMHA past Pres. Robert Epperson. With remarks signed by the owner of the original.

www.morganhorse.com

To Donate Online via Credit Card:

Go to CarriageDrivingVolunteers.org. Click on "Donate to the World Singles Team" [Website up 7/24/08](http://www.carriagedrivingvolunteers.org)

To Donate by Email:

Email your address and how many tickets you want to Bobbihag@optonline.net

Get Tickets to Sell:

Email your address and # of tickets you want to: Bobbihag@optonline.net OR

Mail your request to the address at the right.

Tickets not valid until payment is received!

To Donate by Check:

Make check payable to BVDC*:

Be sure to put "For World Singles Team" in the memo line of the check and give me your mailing address. Mail to:

Bobbi Hager
World Singles Team Fundraiser
293 Diamond Spring Road
Denville, NJ 07834

*Brandywine Valley Driving Club is pleased to help out with this fundraiser for the Team. Learn about us at www.bvdc.org



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CVDC Photo Album!

www.flickr.com/cvdc

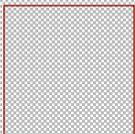
See website for login
and password!

CONES MEMORIAL DRIVE – A club tradition!

Sunday, September 21st

Ready to Drive at 10 am

This is one of our club's annual picnic drives at the warm and inviting Cones Farm. Pot Luck picnic follows drive at picnic tables under the shade, bring chairs too. We will have a grill if anyone wants to cook. Approx. 5-6 miles, paved and dirt country roads, one long hill. (I could make it longer if anyone so desires.) Riders welcome as Babcock Pond Wildlife Management area is almost adjacent with lots of trails, or come along with the drivers. **Mapquest Address:**
318 East Haddam Colchester Turnpike, East Haddam, CT
Directions and contact info on our website www.cvdrivingclub.com



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