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Heads up! Listen up! There has been a program change.



Our next two CVDC meetings will be held at the East Haddam Grange at 6:30PM, on Saturday Sept 11th, and on Saturday Oct 2. Our programs for those nights will be presented by our membership---for our membership.

On **Saturday September 11th**, members are asked to share one (or two) driving tips of their very own. It could be about harnessing, special equipment used, trailering tips, training tips, maintenance of horse, carriages, safety, driving cones, dressage, reining---basically anything about driving that you think is worth passing on. It need not be earth shattering or lengthy. Please give this some thought ahead of time. The idea is to learn from each other. Please come to this one- the more members, the more learning will be had, the more food and the more fun. Let's call this one 'Tell me something I didn't know'

On **Saturday October 2nd**, We will have a 'Tag sale/Swap.' (And of course a pot luck) The idea here is to not bring too much, but bring what you honestly think other club members might want. Make sure that all of your items are properly "tagged and priced". (Remember! If it doesn't sell, you must take out what you bring in.) Another fun night for all!

The Sherwood Cone Memorial Picnic Drive

Sunday, September 19th - East Haddam, CT

This is one of our club's most popular picnic drives. It is held at the warm and inviting Cone's Farm. A lovely potluck picnic follows the drive at picnic tables in the shade. The Cone family will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and chowder. Bring a potluck dish and a chair.

For the drive, drivers will be heading out at 10:30 am. There are approximately 5-6 miles of paved and dirt country roads. Riders are always welcome as the Babcock Pond Wildlife Management area is almost adjacent to the Farm and the carriage route.

NEW THIS YEAR: for added entertainment, we are planning a treasure hunt with prizes. You won't want to miss it!

We want to have a strong club turnout for this event - join the fun! We invite you to drive your horse with the group, ride your horse on the trails, take a ride with one of the drivers, or just come and relax! Contact Pat McNamee for more information at 860-873-9227 or by email at crowsnestfarm1@gmail.com.

Directions on Page 5.

DRIVING CALENDAR 2010

www.cvdrivingclub.com

Sep 6 - GMHA Fall Driving Classic, So Woodstock, VT. www.gmhainc.org

Sep 11 - CVDC: Tell me something I didn't know. 6:30 pm, potluck, East Haddam Grange.

Sep 11 - Whippoorwill Morgans Versatility Event, Old Lyme, CT. www.whippoorwillmorgans.com

Sep 11 - Lenox Tub Parade. www.colonialcarriage.com

Sep 11-12 - John Greenall clinic, Seacoast Farm, Wales, ME. www.seacoastfarm.com

Sep 11-12 - Vermont Classic Pleasure Show, New Haven, VT. www.vhsa.org/Horse-Shows.php

Sep 12 - ECDHA: Hebron Fair Draft Demo, <http://www.hebronharvestfair.org/>. www.easternctdrafthorse.com

Sep 13-19 - The National Drive Week, Indianapolis, IN. www.nationaldrive.net

Sep 17 - LHDC: Fran Hornick on harness cleaning. Plymouth Congregational, Plymouth, CT. 7:30 pm.

Sep 18 - LHDC: Playday at Terry-Allen Farm, Terryville, CT. (Raindate: Sep 19)

Sep 19 - CVDC Drive at Cones, drive out at 10:30am, picnic to follow. See pages 1 & 5 for details/directions

Sep 26 - Mary Gray Driving Ctr: Fall Pleasure Driving Show, Danville NH. www.wayfarerfarm.net

Oct 1-3 - Berkshire Coaching Weekend, Stockbridge, MA. www.colonialcarriage.org

Oct 2 - CVDC potluck dinner meeting (Tag sale/ swap). 6:30 pm, East Haddam Grange.

Oct 2-3 - Blue Slope Fall Festival, Frankin CT. More info: Sandy 860-642-7084. www.easternctdrafthorse.com

Oct 3 - Saratoga Driving Trial, Valatie, NY. Judge: Larry Poulin. www.saratogadriving.com

Oct 4 - Mary Gray Driving Ctr: Fall Harvest Series ADT #1, Danville NH. www.wayfarerfarm.net

Oct 7-10 - World Equestrian Games, Lexington, KY, driving competitions

Oct 10 - CVDC: Lord Creek Club Drive, Lord Creek, Lyme CT. www.cvdrivingclub.com

Oct 15-16 - Martin's Annual Fall Auction, Lebanon, PA. www.martinauctioneers.com/auctions.htm

Oct 15 - LHDC: club meeting. Plymouth Congregational, Plymouth, CT. 7:30 pm.

Oct 16-17 - Lisa Singer clinic, Carriage Barn, Newton, NH. www.carriage-barn.com

Oct 17 - Joint LHDC & CVDC Picnic drive at Wethersfield Farm, Amenia, NY. 11 am. Bring lunch, helmets, chair.

Contact Mark Borkoski at barnmark48@msn.com or 860-585-9018 if you plan on attending.

Oct 31 - RIDC: Halloween Fun Drive. 10 am., Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA. www.ridivingclub.org

Oct 31 - Carriage Barn's Halloween Carriage Classic open fun show, Newton, NH. www.carriage-barn.com

Nov 5 - LHDC: Potluck supper & annual meeting. Plymouth Congregational, Plymouth, CT. 7:30 pm.

Nov 6 - CVDC: Safety Panel. 6:30 pm, potluck., East Haddam Grange. www.cvdrivingclub.com

Nov 7 - Mary Gray Driving Ctr: Fall Harvest Series ADT #2, Danville NH. www.wayfarerfarm.net

Nov 6 - ECDHA: Fun Day, 10 am, Blue Slope. www.easternctdrafthorse.com

Nov 11-14 - Equine Affaire, W Springfield, MA. www.equineaffaire.com

Nov 12 - RIDC: club meeting and ice cream social, Uxbridge MA. 7pm. www.ridivingclub.org

Nov 21 - Mary Gray Driving Ctr: Fall Harvest Series ADT #3, Danville NH. www.wayfarerfarm.net

Dec 4 - CVDC Holiday Party, TBD.

Dec 10 - LHDC Holiday Party.

Dec 14 - ECDHA: Christmas Party & Meeting, 6 pm, Blue Slope. www.easternctdrafthorse.com

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From the Editor...

Dear CVDC Members,

Your editor is here to bring some urgent news. I know how much all of you appreciate the work I have done for the club for the past four years, but it is now time for me to step down from my position as the editor of our Long Lines Newsletter. I have enjoyed my time in this spot - it has been a lot of fun, a lot of stress, and a great experience. Unfortunately, with graduate school starting in the fall, along with a job, a horse, family obligations, among many other obligations and opportunities - I need to pass the position on to someone with more time to devote to the club. I can never make it to meetings anymore, drives, clinics and other events – which I believe is important for the editor to do, to be active in the club and report on happenings when no one else can. Unfortunately, I can't do that anymore, I just don't have the time that the newsletter needs and the club deserves. That is why I will be passing along my position to another member, one who can take my place and serve as the communications leader for the club.

Thank you all for the support over these past four years and I wish the new editor, **Rita Bellinger**, lots of luck!!!

Krista LaBella
Klabella312@yahoo.com

President's Letter...

Thankfully, some cooler and rainy weather has arrived, just when the pastures were looking thin and yellow. A good group of us attended the August 7th meeting to hear Fran Hornick present on her leatherwork. She offered some practical suggestions as to care and maintenance of any leather, but spoke in particular about equine leather for bridles, harnesses, halters, etc. Got some good pointers as to how to avoid the "don'ts" with conditioning and storing leather over time. Thanks again to Fran for making the trip from Bridgeport and also sharing some beautiful examples of her leatherwork with us.

During the business portion of the meeting, Bill Lawson's motion for the Club to hold our HDT again in 2011 was approved by all in attendance and with support of several members unable to be at the meeting. As noted in July's newsletter, there are a few key volunteer roles that will need filling. Anne Albee is willing to mentor someone as to the Sponsor Chair, so if you have any interest, then please give Anne a call. Erica Robb has indicated that she'd be willing to serve as the Volunteer Chair, but would welcome another member or two to assist her with coordination of all the volunteers needed to run our event.

Also as noted in July's newsletter, Randy Sabatino announced that she would like to hand over the reins from being the Program Coordinator after some 15 years of planning programs for our monthly meetings. This is a very important role for our Club, and in fact, one might think of it as the heart beat of our club -- members getting together to have a good time and learn from the programs. I would ask that you consider volunteering to help plan our programs. Give Randy a call to find out more.

Speaking of programs, the September meeting will be a "tell me something I don't know." Be sure to come- share and learn from other member's experiences. Our October meeting will now be a tag sale/swap!! Maybe you have some unused/unwanted/outgrown harness or riding items. Maybe some horsey items that need to find new homes. Do plan to come. It should be lots of fun and the more the merrier. Let me know in advance if you can't make it, but would still like to participate somehow. Will try to work out arrangements to get your "treasures" to the meeting. Also, if you are looking for something in particular, please make that known too, and will get the word out.

Lastly, I would like to extend a really big THANK YOU to Krista LaBella for all her hard work and lots of creativity as the Long Lines Editor for the past few years. However, with graduate school and other personal commitments, Krista is stepping down. Good news, though, is that Rita Bellinger has volunteered to take over as Editor. Many thanks Rita!! The email address is unchanged - editor@cvdrivingclub.com - so be sure to send in your articles, pictures, and ads so that they can be included in the newsletter.

As always, walk on, enjoy the road, and drive safely,
Jan Frick



Walnut Hill 2010

By Jaye Winkler

Walnut Hill is quite the spectacle. Henry and King and I hitched and went out on the Sunday morning carriage drive on a route that had people setting up chairs to watch it well over two hours in advance. We promenaded past giving the American wave (like the Royal wave but with friendly greetings from us to watchers and comments on children and dogs in the audience). And at the mid point, all carriages lined up by type of vehicle in a big field that stretched back 5 acres from single horses, to ponies, to pairs and tricornes, to coaches hitched to four, with loads of friends on top AND sounding the coaching horn.

To hear it, anticipating the arrival of such a splendid event as a team of four giant Hackneys marching to an internal horse music, is to say that you have lived in a wonderful horse era. The promenade of very well turned out briskly trotting horses ended with minis. All and all, it was an expanse of beautiful carriages and turnouts that was as Henry said, "like watching Long Island Carriage Museum come alive". The event organizers went carriage by carriage (and there must have been close to 200 carriages) serving cheese, fruit and cookies, and wine (for the very brave or frightened drivers) and carrots to each horse. ~~ *Jaye Winkler, Mint Farm*

OUT AND ABOUT: As noted in the above article, CVDC was well-represented at **Walnut Hill**. Henry Tarryk and Whippoorwill King Jubilee garnered a 6th place out of 14 entries in cones, Carrie Wind won the small pony cross-country pleasure "marathon" with her mini, Inky, as well as participating in the Friday evening costume class dressed as a gypsy man driving a miniature gypsy wagon. CVDC members Joan McMahon and Claire Hayes appeared in the ribbons in several classes.

We also caught glimpses of other CVDC'ers at the **Litchfield Hills** show in Bristol, as reported by Rita Bellinger: "Michelle Hulse and her pony Chloe were champions of the pony division; Linda Petersen was champion and Carrie Wind reserve champ of the VSE division. It was nice to see Gary and Nita Kincaid cross over from the Eastern CT. Draft horse club. Nice to see Emily Abbate participate in her first VSE class ever, the entire Abbate family came out to support Dad Dan and daughter Emily. Nice to see Cynthia Bliven finally get to compete her Saddlebred after training everyone else, with Erica Robb smartly dressed as groom. Very nice of Pat McNamee to juggle back and forth grooming for everyone when her mini was unable to compete at the last minute. And very nice touch by Dick Mangino to show support to all participating clubs by peeling off layers of various club T-shirts."



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From Route 2, take exit #16

From the exit ramp take Route 149 South to the stop light at Route 16. Cross over Route 16 and go for approximately 3 miles. Go down Sipple Hill (there is a sign) and take a left onto Mott Lane. (Do not pass by the Moodus Reservoir) Take Mott Lane to the end. Turn right, and you are at Cone's farm. Park in the field on your right.

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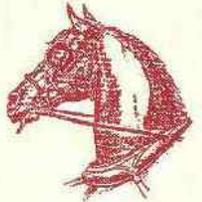
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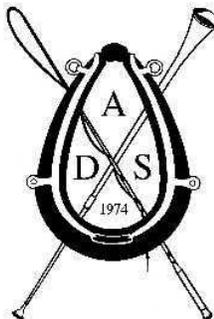
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