

Long Lines



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**DUE DATE FOR
SUBMISSIONS TO THE
NEXT LONG LINES:
September 15th.**

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NOTE DATE CHANGE!!

**Sunday, Sept 18th ~ Cones Family Farm
Drive, Potluck Picnic and CVDC Meeting**
318 East Haddam-Colchester Tpke. East Haddam, Ct.
10am Drive, 1pm Picnic & CVDC meeting



*Henry Tarryk with Rita Bellinger and friend as passengers Walnut Hill 2011
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Ladies are welcome to bring their favorite hats for the drive and/or picnic!

Let's Drive!.... Once again, the Cones Family Farm has graciously invited us to join them for a drive and potluck picnic. **This year we are fortunate to have permission from the East Haddam Fish and Game Club to drive on their adjoining property.** This is a unique opportunity to drive on property where we don't usually have access. Let's make it great so we can do it again in the future! Drivers may do the "short route" of 4-5 miles through relatively level terrain, or opt to add on the original "Cones Drive route" for an additional 5-6 miles of more hilly terrain. (Please note: although there will be no shooting in the vicinity of the drive route, you may hear target practice at the Sportsmen's Club next to the parking area, as in past years.)

Important: RSVP's have been requested! Contact Pat McNamee at 860-877-0808 or by email at crowsnestfarm1@gmail.com.

Not driving? Join us at 1 pm for the picnic and monthly meeting. The Cones family will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and their famous clam chowder. You bring a potluck dish and a chair. Note that this picnic takes the place of our monthly meeting for September. **Relax, talk with friends, and begin thinking of ideas for next year's programs and drives!**

The Presidents Letter

Good night, Irene! For being "only" a Tropical Storm, she packed a wallop! I hope all of our members and friends have survived without too much damage. The power was out for over week at Woodland Farm, we were very glad to get everything working again on Labor Day! The news from Vermont is sad, I hope our friends there will be okay. Remember, the club exists for its members. If you need help with clean-up, please let us know so we can get the word out.

We are very excited about our upcoming **Cones Memorial Drive on Sunday, Sept 18th in East Haddam**. Pat McNamee and Rita Bellinger have coordinated special permission for us to drive on the East Haddam Fish and Game Club trails. This is an area you will rarely have access to and I hope many drivers will turn out for this event. There is plenty of room for trailers, so come one, come all. After the drive, we will have a potluck picnic and monthly meeting. For those not driving, food and conversation will start at 1 pm. Take a break from your usual routine, come enjoy some good food and good company!

Soon, it will be time for us to start planning for **next year's programs and drives**. Start making your wish list, we will let you know when the planning meeting is scheduled. Since this newsletter is later than usual (due to no power or Internet!), I'll be talking with you again shortly.

Stay safe, and let's get back to driving!
Cynthia Bliven

NEW! Driving Radio Show

<http://www.drivingradioshow.horseradionetwork.com/player.htm>

The Horse Radio Network (HRN) has recently launched its second new show, the Driving Radio Show, which is the first radio show of its kind to take a look at the world of carriage driving. From competition to recreational driving, the Driving Radio Show will cover all aspects of the sport. This weekly podcast is hosted by Four-in-Hand driver Dr. Wendy Ying and Glenn the Geek, HRN founder, & can be heard online at www.drivingradioshow.com, www.americandrivingsociety.com or www.drivingnews.us. It is also available as a free podcast on iTunes.

The first episode is live and features part one of a fascinating interview with David Saunders, former Coachman at the Royal Mews in London for Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip, competitive driver and all around great horseman. Plus, a competition report from Driving News, an update from the American Driving Society, and Dr. Ying's first look at Traditional Chinese Medicine and the Five Elements.

"Being a recreational driver for twenty years I am thrilled to have a Driving Radio Show in the stable of shows on HRN. I am very excited to be working with Dr. Wendy Ying, who is great fun and highly regarded throughout the world driving," says Glenn the Geek who founded HRN three years ago. — If you are at all interested in driving, then this show is for you.

*Driving Radio Show Facebook Fan Page: <http://www.facebook.com/drivingradioshow>
HRN's Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/horseradio>*

The Walnut Hill Experience

by Rita Bellinger

Once each year, during the second or third week in August, the picturesque Pittsford, NY countryside comes alive with the magic and romance of an earlier era.

In an attempt to recapture the essence and spirit of the 1890's, the Pittsford Carriage Association annually hosts The Walnut Hill Carriage Driving Competition.



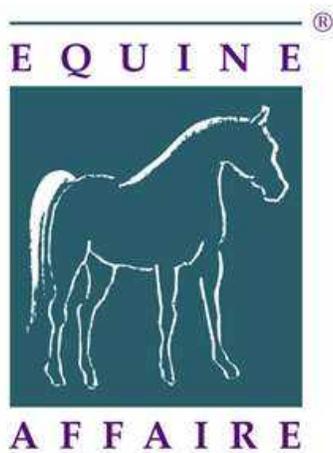
This living showcase of Americana presents a unique marriage in modern day equine sport, combining the pageantry and beauty of exquisitely turned out equipages with the excitement of demanding competition.

The comprehensive five day schedule of classes offers spectators the opportunity to view a wide variety of 19th century carriages exhibited by over 250 competitors from some 20 states, Canada, and Europe. Antique vehicles from tiny mini carts to huge road coaches drawn by a four-in-hand appointed with highly polished brass and silver harness participate in all phases of classical driving competition, including cross-country obstacle classes and the elegant pleasure driving classes in the ring.

This year it was my goal to attend Walnut Hill as a spectator. I planned my trip around the class schedules of CVDC members, Henry Tarryk and Carrie Wind. My goal was to experience this infamous show on its 40th anniversary and support our CVDC members.

Both Henry and Carrie went out of their way to ensure my experience was much more than spectator. Henry, Carrie and I enjoyed the Ascot Picnic in the private Patrons Tent as well as inviting me to the exhibitors' dinner as their guest. Henry took me on several unforgettable carriage rides around the property and invited me to ride as passenger for the Champagne Pleasure Drive Class. This is a two-hour drive which leaves from Walnut Hill Farm through Mendon Park. The route is lined with spectators and photographers. At the park, exhibitors are served refreshments at their carriage and the horses are offered carrots all while a panel of judges walks through the lineup making notes to award winners. It was a unique experience to drive and visit with fellow competitors (from coaches to minis) and wave back to the spectators. All exhibitors from every division are required to participate in the drive to qualify for championships. All participants in the drive are awarded a participants commemorative award.

I also had the opportunity to drive Henry's Morgan stallion which was quite thrilling coming from the VSE world.



EQUINE AFFAIRE
November 10–13, 2011
Eastern States Exposition
W. Springfield, MA

From our ADS Regional Rep, Gina Handy: As noted in this month's issue of 'The Whip,' the Northeast Region will once again be representing ADS at Equine Affaire in November. For a number of years, Marc Johnson and Cat Luce have put together a resource guide to give to carriage drivers and potential carriage drivers during the show. Cat and I are planning to hold a regional photo contest, with the winner gracing the cover of this year's resource guide. Runners-up will be used in a slide show or Powerpoint presentation to play at the ADS booth during Equine Affaire. Photos can be of anything related to driving. No copyrighted photos allowed, however. So, dust off that digital camera and start snapping! The deadline is September 25th. Please email your photos (jpeg format) to me at gina.handy@saratogadriving.com. Please include your name, email, horse's name/breed, type of carriage and where the photo was taken (recreational drive, competition, home on the farm, etc.)

ADS Booth:

Anyone going to Equine Affaire in Springfield, MA this November? Got some time to spare in between shopping and seminars? **The ADS booth needs you!** We're looking for volunteers to help man the booth and do something that they probably like to do anyway -- talk about horses and carriage driving! No special skills required, just a willingness to talk to visitors to our booth and pass out available literature. This could be a great opportunity for OUR club to recruit new members, because you can talk directly to booth visitors from our area and tell them what a great club you belong to. So please consider helping out! To sign up, contact Gina Handy, ADS NE Regional Director -- gina.handy@saratogadriving.com or 518-583-4316. Thanks!



*Linda Petersen at Walnut Hill
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PLEASE NOTE: MANY EVENTS IN THE NEW ENGLAND AREA, ESPECIALLY IN VERMONT,
 HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO STORM DAMAGE.
 PLEASE VERIFY EVENTS, AND IF YOU CAN, LEND THEM A HAND WITH CLEANUP!

DRIVING CALENDAR 2011

as of Sept 8, 2011

(always verify information before leaving home!)

Sep 9-11 – 25th Annivary at The Laurels, West Grove, PA. www.laurelscde.orgSep 10- Colonial Carriage: 20th Annual Lenox Tub Parade, www.colonialcarriage.orgSep 10-11 – CANCELLED: GMHA Fall Driving Classic, So. Woodstock, VT. www.gmhainc.org**Sep 18 – CVDC: Cones Memorial Drive and Potluck Meeting.** See page 1 of this newsletter!Sep 21-25 – World Pony Championships, Lipica, Slovenia. <http://www.lipica2011.si/en/>

Sep 23-25 – Mary Gray Driving Ctr Intensive Driving Weekend & Fall Harvest ADT #1. Danville, NH.

Email mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net or call 603-974-2357.Sep 24-25 – Maine Carriage Days, Topsham, ME. www.maine-carriagedays.comSep 25 – CHSA: St Peter's Horse Show, incl driving division. Bethany, CT. [Click here](#) for details.Sep 25 – LHDC: Drive at Loon Meadow, Norfolk, CT, 10 am. www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com**Oct 1 – CVDC: Driving Multiples. Peter Von Halem's Happy Landings Farm, Bozrah, CT. 6:30 pm, program followed by potluck.**Oct 2 – Saratoga HDT, Valatie, NY. www.saratogadriving.comOct 4-9 – The National Drive, Kentucky Horse Park. www.nationaldrive.netOct 8-9 – CANCELLED: Tunbridge CDE, Tunbridge, VT. www.hooved.orgOct 8-9 – Garden State CDE, Allentown, NJ. www.horseparkofnewjersey.comOct 16 – LHDC: Drive at Amenia, NY. 11 am. www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.comOct 28-29 – Chapter One HDT, Pedricktown, NJ. www.chapteronefarms.comOct 30 – Mary Gray Driving Ctr Fall Harvest ADT #2, Danville, NH. Email mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net or call 603-974-2357.**Nov 5 – CVDC: Holly Pulsifer, speaker. East Haddam Grange. 6:30 pm, potluck.**Nov 10-13 – Equine Affaire, W Springfield, MA. www.equineaffaire.comNov 13 – Mary Gray Driving Ctr Fall Harvest ADT #2, Danville, NH. Email mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net or call 603-974-2357.**Dec 3 – CVDC Holiday Party, Dan & Joan Abbate's Farm, 364 Marlborough Road, Glastonbury, CT 06033**

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*Carrie Wind and her mini pair at Walnut Hill 2011**Photo copyright of Lisa Cenis @ Shoot That Horse Photography***SO, WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? SEND YOUR NEWS & PHOTOS TO EDITOR@CVDRIVINGCLUB.COM!**



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