

Long Lines



December 2011

CVDC Holiday Party & Yankee Swap Saturday December 3, 2011 ~ 6:30 pm

PLEASE RSVP!

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

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Connecticut Valley Driving Club's **Holiday Party** is a time when members take a break from driving, and come together to celebrate the holidays. The food is always amazing, as each person goes beyond the pale to create a special **potluck** appetizer, side dish, or dessert. Our hosts, Pat and Mike Axelrod, will provide the turkey and soft drinks (courtesy of CVDC).

The high point of the evening is the **Yankee Swap!** (suggested gift limit \$20). Members who want to participate bring a gift and take a number. As their number is called, they get to choose an unopened gift. They can either keep it, or swap it with one of the gifts that has already been opened. It's the one time when going last is to your advantage!

Please RSVP to Pat (email and phone numbers above) so we can plan accordingly. Hope you can make it! The night will be full of great food, good "horsey" friends and holiday fun!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We have enjoyed seeing so many of our club members at our most recent events. The November meeting with Holly Pulsifer was almost standing room only, with 27 attendees – good thing we found another couple of tables in the back! Holly shared images from the early days of combined driving and talked with us about how much has changed in a relatively short period of time, from carts and harness to safety to driver education. We appreciate her commitment to helping today's drivers continue to grow the sport of driving.

Then, we took advantage of the incredibly nice weather to squeeze in the last club drive of the season. The November "Turkey Trot", held at Nehantic State Forest in Lyme CT, brought out ten turnouts, ranging from minis (single and pair) all the way to Peter's four-in-hand. Several drivers went all the way to the end for a roundtrip of 10 miles. We had a relaxing time after the drive, with everyone sharing the food they brought and joining in conversation. This is really what club events are all about, getting together to share the day.

Which brings me to our big club get-together, the annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 3. This is always a fun time, great for mingling and catching up with each other before the season gets hectic. We look forward to seeing everyone there - please remember to RSVP (see page 1).

Cynthia Bliven

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FOR SALE: Be ready for the 1st SLEIGH RALLY! Ladies: CAPE (wool, full lining, 5 button front, below knee length, Forstmann); Scarf (floral on black, 6' long, fully lined); MUFF; BOOTS (knee-high, laced front, side zip, made in Italy); COAT DRESSES (polyester, size 12, 1 beige, 1 black, Harve Benard); Men's: CAP (sealskin w/earmuffs & brim). Contact Sylvia Crosby at 860-429-5306.

November Drive @ Nehantic State Forest:

What a great way to spend the weekend before Thanksgiving! Our November "Turkey Trot" drew a strong crowd of drivers, most of whom lingered long after the drive in a leisurely picnic sprawl. Ten turnouts made the trip, ranging from Pat McNamee's single mini to Peter Von Halem's big four-in-hand team. Nehantic offers a wide dirt road with good surface, rolling hills and plenty of room to trot out. Distances had been marked so whips could decide how far was far enough. Several whips took advantage of the distance available and drove all the way to the other end of the forest for a 10 mile round-trip outing. Participants came back to Cynthia Bliven's Woodland Farm with broad smiles, sharing lunch and conversation on a warm and sunny afternoon. Many thanks to Cynthia for hosting and arranging the drive, this might have to be an annual event!

Remember, if you don't have a horse or just aren't prepared to drive, please do still join us. We often have drivers who would love an extra hand or have an empty seat on their carriage. Or come for lunch. This is a friendly sport, and we want you here with us!

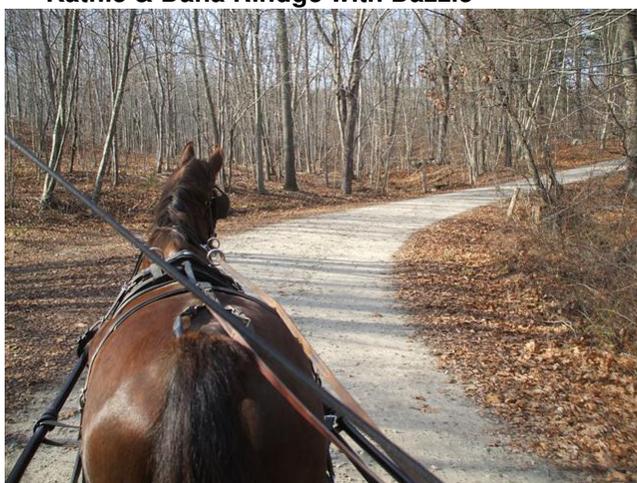
Who was here: Cynthia Bliven & Erica Robb, Pat & Mike Axelrod, Kathie & Dana Rindge, Jan & Peter Pacific, Pat McNamee, Carrie Wind & son Eric, Peter Von Halem & son Mike & friend Amara, Henry Tarryk, Nancy Franklin & friend Gwendolyn Weigold, and Herb Dimeola with friends and family.



Kathie & Dana Rindge with Dazzle



Jan & Peter Pacific with Riser



Snaps goes down the road



Carrie Wind & Eric with Inky & Scarlett



Peter Von Halem with his four-in-hand



Herb Dimeola & crew



Cynthia Bliven & Nancy Franklin have a chat



What can be better than lunch among the carriages?



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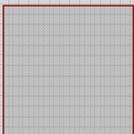
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