

# Cherry Valley Carriage Assoc.



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Feb - March 2009

CVCA 28th Annual

## SLEIGH RALLY

Sunday Feb. 8th, 2009 12pm-3pm

@ Lorenzo Historic Site  
Cazenovia, NY

Contact Deb Truex 315-492-4099 / 315-420-0968  
RSVP to Deb ASAP if you are planning to attend  
(so she can contact you if we have to cancel due to poor conditions)

This event is open to the public, but **ONLY MEMBERS** may drive

*ALSO FOR MEMBERS ONLY: Bring a snack to share in the Maintenance Barn.  
We will provide warm drinks.*

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FOR LATEST SLEIGH RALLY UPDATES!

\*\*\*Co-Chaired by NYS Registered Hafinger Association\*\*\*

### \*\*\* CVCA MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING \*\*\*

Sunday, March 8th, 2009 12pm—4pm

Kenyon Room at the Skyline Lodge @ Highland Forest, Rt. 80, Fabius, NY

Our Guest Speaker will be Steve Richards

Steve's topic will be Equine Dentistry

Bring a dish to pass & your own table service. We will provide beverages.

Lunch will begin at noon, our guest speaker @ 2pm.

*Directories will be available. . .*

*your name will be included ONLY if you've renewed your membership!*



# HITCHING UP



Hitch up with someone who has what you need: Horses, carriages or equipment.

(No commercial ads, please)

Send info to: Vicki Fleming, 3618 Pompey Center Rd., Manlius, NY 13104

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Next Newsletter Deadline is March 5th, 2009

## A Letter from the PRESIDENT ~~~ h e l p

This last year has presented us with some interesting challenges. We have all had to deal with higher gas prices and a sinking economy. As a club we are dealing with increased prices, higher travel costs and expenses. I truly appreciate all the effort and sacrifices you have all made to come and support our events throughout the year.

Our first event never really happened because there was not enough snow! Judy Sears and Susie Lucas were ready to go. They had everything organized and took and made phone calls when we had to cancel the Sleigh Rally. Let's hope this year we have snow in February.

We thank Brian and Dana Miteer for organizing our March Membership Meeting at Highland Forest's beautiful Skyline Lodge. Dr. Jessica Morgan, Locke, NY, gave an eye opening presentation on horse emergencies. . . how we should prepare prior to and how to handle an emergency if one occurs. 30 members attended.

In May, the club helped the American Driving Society celebrate it's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Month of Driving" with two events: the first being a *Mentoring Clinic* at *Arise the Farm* in North Chittenango. Thank you to Jennifer Shultz and her staff at Arise for helping us present a fun-filled learning experience. Mentors Bruce Haak, Howard Martin, Suzy Beyer, Hannah Strack, Sandi Patrizio, Tom Frechette and myself drove with different members first in the morning and then in the afternoon to

our competition members. This brings us to the Fall. Our Sadoff/Davies Drive in September brought us an unusually warm day. Thanks to Teri & Stormy Mather and Kevin & Sonia Davies for a great drive in Cazenovia. It was a perfect Fall day with some interesting trail "passings!" One thing you can say is we always keep things interesting. Kevin was our "grill master" who kept those hamburgers and hot dogs coming. We are never at a loss for good cooks. . . food, food and more food! 37 members attended!

Our second May event was a pleasure drive organized by Susie Lucas, Judy Sears and myself at Highland Forest. Mother Nature had her own ideas of how the day should go, but CVCA members showed their resilient nature and showed up in their rain gear and drove some interesting trails in the morning. Some of our members met a challenge or two along the way. Susie (Lucas) and Jim (Fero) had the grills going for lunch. After lunch, some of the turnouts went out in the sunshine to explore the other side of the park. Special thanks to Wes Fleming, Tom Frechette and Hans Neudal for changing my flat trailer tire (DEFINITELY NOT a planned activity!) 21 members attended.

During the summer, many of our members show their horses. Congratulations to Tom Frechette on his Novice Championship at Barneveld. Dave Smart and Brian Miteer represented us very well at Lorenzo. Dave won the NYS Haflinger Association's HOPE award as well as the Bob Fisher Award, Jillian Gemmel won the High Point CVCA Lady award, and Brian Miteer won High Point Gentlemen Award. Needless to say, our club's Haflingers are doing very well. Brian and Dana Miteer have good reason to be proud—their two year old filly returned for Ohio's National Haflinger Show as a National Champion! Congrats to all of

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We next went to Chenango Valley State Park. Again Mother Nature shined down on us. . . even if it was a bit chilly. Thanks to Tom and Joanne Frechette and Joyce and Bruce Haak for a fun-filled day. Okay, maybe you shouldn't let a "first-time-at-the-park-driver" lead you . . . and maybe touring the "back 9" of a golf course *wasn't on the map*. . . SORRY! Yet...another successful drive. 31 members attended.

Last but not least, we come to our Annual meeting. It was great to see so many members turn out for this final event of our year. We understand we are all facing new challenges in today's economy. We all have to make choices and take a serious look at what we do or don't do. I truly appreciate all of your support this past year and look forward to your support in this new year. The board and I always welcome your ideas, suggestions and offers of help. We want to thank Sandi Patrizio for organizing the annual dinner.

This time of year always brings a sort of "bad

news/good news" ending. First the bad news: we are losing two of our beloved board members, Susie Lucas and Judy Sears. Until you work with the board, I don't think you can truly appreciate all the time and effort that goes in to making this organization run smoothly.

Susie and Judy have been our "Blue-Bin" keepers. They have both made sure that everything that needs to be refilled is done without any reminders. Judy has chaired many of our Sleigh Rallies, several drives and helped at any job she was asked to. She gathers up all of the signs and cones and sees that they are ready for the next event. She has never said no when asked. Judy has served two full terms of her own and filled the unfinished term of a board member who left due to illness. Judy, your untiring enthusiasm will be missed. Thank you!

Susie Lucas has served two full terms; she has been the club's secretary, merchandise manager and chaired several events and helped with many others. I will personally miss her as my "devil's advocate." Susie will question details – check on club dates, facts, etc. She allows me to bounce ideas off her and always gives me advice on how these ideas will fly. She keeps our meetings organized (even if she doesn't think she is very organized). Whether you know it or not, Susie, between you and Deb, you keep me on track! Thank you! I hope we can call you both in the future for help and direction.

Now. . . the good news! This year we will be welcoming two new board members who have

# 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(CVCA events in bold)

**FEB. 8th CVCA SLEIGH RALLY @ Lorenzo Historic Site in Cazenovia, NY 12 pm—3 pm**  
Bring a dish to pass, RSVP to Deb Truex 315-492-4099 / 315-420-0968

**MARCH 8th CVCA MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ Highland Forest, Fabius, NY 12pm—4 pm**  
The meeting will be held in the Kenyon Hollow Room of the Skyline Lodge. See front cover for details. Any questions? Call Brian Mitteer at 607-835-6261

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graciously accepted our invitation. Teri Mather and Tom Frechette.

Teri and her husband Stormy have been CVCA members from Cazenovia for as long as I can remember. They have driven light horses as well as draft horses. They have supported events and activities even without horses. They are also active members of the Draft Horse Club. There comes to us with fresh ideas and a good amount of enthusiasm. Welcome, Teri.

Now Tom... he has been our Club Librarian for several years. He and Joanne have supported every event and activity since they joined. They drive Haflingers and are active in the Haflinger Association. Tome has been working very actively on many of our events. We are looking forward to his great idea and energy! Welcome, Tom.

We're working on the schedule for this upcoming year and it will appear in our Calendar of Events as time progresses.

Hope to see you in February!

*Jeanne Fero,*  
CVCA President



Jim Mather, recovering from rotator cup surgery. . . Also to Dave Smart, who is recovering from pneumonia and complications. We hope you both feel better soon.

## CHENANGO VALLEY STATE PARK CVCA FALL PLEASURE DRIVE

The sun was shining and the air was brisk and clean as the horse trailers started pulling into Chenango Valley State Park for the Fall 2008 State Park drive. Fifteen hitches in total spent the morning driving around scenic Chenango Valley State Park on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Later, several of the drivers tested their driving skills at the obstacle course designed by our own Joyce Haak. And what a test it was. Joyce did a super job setting up what was – to say the least – a very challenging course. Soon after, everyone gathered around the fire for a delicious lunch. Lots of good conversation and good laughs that day were had by all.

Joining us for the day, with their horses, were:

Dana & Brian Mitteer with their Haflinger, Lily  
Tom & JoAnne Frechette with their Haflinger, Bernie  
Bonnie Jackson with her Haflinger, Wisner  
Barbara & Corky Brown with their Haflinger, Clover  
Else, John and Molly Brunner with their Haflinger, Nick  
No, *this was not a Haflinger club drive because also driving were:*  
Tinker & Laurie Bell with their Friesian, Harmen  
Bruce Haak with his Fjord, Aiken  
Joyce Haak with her "Champion" standardbred, Draken  
Diane, Don, Rachel and Michelle Paukett with their Haflinger cross, Joey and mini Cocoa Puff  
Sylvia Van Duesen and Judy Bennett with Sylvia's Connemara, Glory  
Deb & Hans Neudel with their big guy, Bill  
Dave Paukett and his sister and newest member each with their standardbreds  
And last, but not least, our president, Jeanne Fero with her sidekicks Jim and Ace the Morgan!!

We want to thank each and every one of the participants who came to celebrate the beauty of the fall season with us. We also want to thank Jeff, Val and Patrick Clark, Kevin & Sonia Davies and Terri & Stormy Mather (and Bogey & Birdie) for coming down and spending the day with us.

It's members like these, sharing good conversation, good food, a peaceful morning drive – just taking time from their busy schedules to be with each other – that make belonging to an organization like CVCA so very special.

Thank you all and see you all next year, JoAnne Frechette

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**ALSO: If you haven't renewed your membership, be sure to do it NOW!**



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Our objective is to promote interest in the driving horse/pony  
and restoring horse-drawn vehicles.

*November 2008 ~ November 2009*

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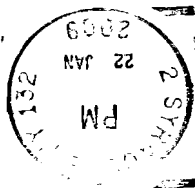
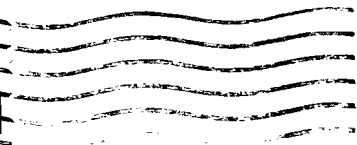
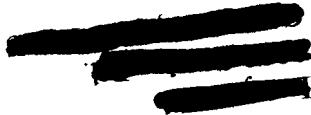
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