CVCA Annual
Chenango Valley State Park Pleasure Drive
Hosted by Tom and Joanne Frechette

Saturday, October 12
Rain date October 13

Mark your calendars for a beautiful drive through one of the greatest state parks in the southern tier.

The drive will begin at 10:00 AM, at will.
Lunch will be at 1:00 PM – bring your own picnic, a dish to pass, tableware, and meat to grill (charcoal provided).
Drinks will be provided.

Directions: I-81 SOUTH to Whitney Point. Take Rt. 79 to Pigeon Hill Road to Route 369 and you are there!

RSVP to Tom & Joanne Frechette at (607) 692-2209 or (607) 343-0621

It’s that time again!
Welcome to all new members who have joined since our last newsletter. We hope you will enjoy the events we have planned throughout the year. CVCA is a strong association with members from all over the Northeast! BUT . . . For the rest of us, the dues are as follows:

Membership Dues: Family—$35, Single—$25, Junior $10
Our new year begins Nov. 1, 2013 and ends Oct. 31, 2014

Make checks payable to: CVCA and mail to;
JoAnne Frechette, 465 South Street, Chenango Forks, NY 13746

or include your membership dues with your Annual Dinner reservations!
See inside page for Annual Dinner information!
HITCHING UP

Hitch up with someone who has what you need: Horses, carriages or equipment.
(No commercial ads, please)
Send info to: Jillian Stroh 5278 Eaton Brook Road, Eaton NY 13334
equinedriver@yahoo.com
Next Newsletter Deadline is January 1, 2014

FOR SALE:
Harness for Sale - Horse Size, black with patent leather and brass. Breast collar. Made by A&H Leather, PA - $500
Contact Information: Marjie - cell # (315) 727-5058 - EMAIL: marjet2@aol.com

Large pony/small horse road cart, natural finish, black patent, brass fittings. Ready to show with rain seats and cloth seats. Practically new $1,500. Smuckers super deluxe harness, black with brass fittings. Fits horse or large pony. Bought in ’06, used 12 times. In great shape, ready to show $1,200. Call Laura 315-430-6936.

33rd Annual
Buffet Dinner, Meeting and Silent Auction
Orchard Vali Golf Club, 4693 Rt. 20, LaFayette, NY 13084
Saturday, November 9, 2013
6:00 pm Welcome Reception with Refreshments and Cash Bar
*** Silent Auction Items on display and bidding starts ***
6:30 pm—Dinner Buffet @ $25.00 per person
(children 11 and under are $12.50, 5 and under are free!)

~~ THE SILENT AUCTION ~~

This is one of the most fun and anticipated parts of our evening!
This is a MAJOR fundraiser to support our activities during the next year.
SO, bring in your extra “horsey” or “non-horsey” items: anything from prints, coolers, harnesses, bits, baskets of cheer, baked goods, or anything else you can imagine….even things for the kids!
Bidding will end before the annual meeting begins, with a count-down to get your last bid in!

ALSO: If you know of any businesses that would like to donate, we can give them a tax donation letter.

(Note: Reservations are made ahead of time—RSVP is required!)

Questions? Call Sandy Patrizio 315-655-4734 or JoAnne Frechette 607-692-2209

YES! I’m coming to the CVCA Annual Dinner and I need:

___ Adult dinners @ $25 ea. $ ____________
___ Child dinners @ $12.50 ea $ ____________

Membership Dues Nov 13-Nov 14  
(Family—$35, Single—$25, Jr [up to age 18] $10) $ ____________

Total enclosed: $ ____________

Name _______________________________ Phone _______________________________
Address _____________________________________________________________________
Email ________________________________

~~Make checks out to CVCA and send to: JoAnne Frechette, 465 South Street, Chenango Forks, NY 13746~~


President’s Report… This is my last letter to the membership as your President. It has been two years since I acquired the “lines” of the C.V.C.A. Chariot, but in all, I’ve been on the Board seven years! I hope in the last two years I’ve made a difference in creating energy or at least increasing enthusiasm and participation in our events and adding on a few new ones to our Calendar. I believe members of a club must “see” each other and get together often with a variety of activities to meet all its’ members needs. I believe there are three components to our organization. They are primarily to include our horses, ponies, dogs, etc. in our events be it a pleasure drive or competition; to educate ourselves and our equines in the various venues of equine sport, hence, our (educational), learning clinics, and social, to have fun doing it! I’ve tried to plan an activity for each month. Naturally, we all can’t make every get together, but some of our members can and do and it goes on. Sharing food, laughter, learning something new, driving our horses, ponies or donkeys or riding along as a passenger as I have recently, is comforting and develops friendships. Not all of us still have equines or ever did, but we can and do share the companionship and of course, the food! C.V.C.A. likes to eat and cook (to our credit)! See you at our next event. So far, great weather this autumn. Hope it continues. Spring and summer were much too rainy and wet.

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Upcoming events to seriously consider partaking… the Chenango Valley State Park Pleasure drive and picnic. Another lovely drive, shelter and bathrooms, fireplace and charcoal grill to cook. What else could you want except good weather? Last year was a bit drizzly at first, but a great turnout and a great day. The 50/50 raffle was successful and the donation Horse Jar earned some money also… maybe enough to pay for the coffee and donuts, at least. Members need to know that we have to have insurance for each event and sometimes pay for a port-a john and the site. That’s where C.V.C.A.’s money goes as it should… but the treasury needs a little “tweaking” along the way! Quality events require money to fund them, often not obvious to the casual observer. C.V.C.A. has been using e-mail to significantly defuse our printing and mailing bill for both the Newsletters and information on upcoming events. We do continue to use the postal service as needed. The Board continues to “do more with less” as it seems to be a modern dilemma. Annual meeting at Orchard Valli Country Club is always a good time and we get to see the most C.V.C.A. members. They have good food at their Buffet. Our biggest and almost our only fundraiser, the Silent Auction is held at this event. C.V.C.A. depends on this money to sustain the club. Dues have never been enough. Bring worthy items to auction, bid on an item or two or three, that you can’t live without or to give as a gift. Christmas is just ahead. The revenues from the Silent Auction has decreased in recent years which makes our job more difficult and forces us to do more fund-raising, 50/50 raffle, donation jar, and sponsors, from small amounts of money to corporate. Thank you for anything you donate or spend. This is your club. We all benefit.

This year, I am particularly excited to announce that our 1st Annual Holiday party will be held at Hill & Dale Golf and Country Club in Apulia (on Rt. 80), Tully. I found this location in my travels to and from Ithaca (Cornell University Veterinarian Hospital). It was always in my mind, searching for a place small enough and yet large enough to host this holiday party. Geographic location, and a plowed parking lot was a serious consideration during central New York’s winters. I felt that with so many members from the southern tier, that that should influence location as well as being on a main route. The Chef is working with me to develop a cost sensitive menu ($15.) The afternoon party will be an Italian Buffet with a cash bar. C.V.C.A. is tax exempt and the club will pick up the tip. Christmas is just ahead. The revenues from the Silent Auction has decreased in recent years which makes our job more difficult and forces us to do more fund-raising, 50/50 raffle, donation jar, and sponsors, from small amounts of money to corporate. Thank you for anything you donate or spend. This is your club. We all benefit.

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Thank you for the many years of friendship, ~Sandi Patrizio CVCA President
Sheffield Farm Pleasure Drive/Fun Day:  
On Saturday August 24, 2013; a new addition to the CVCA monthly events calendar was held. The pleasure drive/fun day was held at Sheffield Farm, Ithaca, NY. Our hosts for this event were farm owners, and CVCA members, Jan and Sue Suwinski. The weather couldn’t have been more perfect for this event! 11 hitches participated. Despite some “issues” with the markings of the trail for the pleasure drive, everyone returned safely and had an enjoyable time. Everyone who was in attendance could participate in the poker run and the crazy hat contest. There was also a double jeopardy cones course set up for those that wished to satisfy their competitive side. It was tough competition during the contest. When it was completed, there was a tie at the top of the leader board! It came down to dueling family members, Tom and Joanne Frechette to determine the winner. In the end, Tom Frechette won by the narrowest of margins. Some suggested that there was a bit rule breaking in the teams attempt to win! Following the activities, all enjoyed a delicious dish to pass lunch. We were fortunate to have many great prizes donated. Thanks to the following businesses for their generosity: Ithaca Agway, Mischka Press, Driving Digest Magazine, Driving Essentials, Cabin View Alpacas and Susan Sheffer-Andrews. The lucky winners of prizes: Sylvia VanDeusen, Tom Frechette, Carol Newberry, Jackie and Julia Gagen, and Peggy Walbridge. Thanks to our hosts; Jan and Sue Suwinski and to the following, who helped in advance and during this event: Ryan Saul, Susan Sheffer-Andrews, Paula Stocking and Bob Sobczak. Hopefully this event will become a yearly event for CVCA.

Sadoff/Davies Pleasure Drive:  
Despite a weather forecast that was very daunting, on Saturday September 21, 2013, the annual Sadoff/Davies pleasure drive was held. With much discussion and watching the weather forecast, it was decided to drive on! As it turned out, it was a good decision! Though, it was a little windy, 13 hitches arrived at the property of CVCA members, Kevin and Sonia Davies, ready to enjoy the first of CVCA’s planned fall pleasure drives. At this drive, as at the Sheffield Farm drive, many new members were in attendance. This was great to see! The pleasure drives are a great way to spend time with fellow carriage drivers in a non-competitive atmosphere. Following the drive, a dish to pass lunch was enjoyed by all. Thanks to our hosts, CVCA members Kevin and Sonia Davies for “sharing” their lovely property with us all.
### 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
*(CVCA events in bold)*

**OCT. 12**
CVCA Chenango Valley Pleasure Drive, Chenango Valley State Park. See front page.

**OCT 18-19**
Martins Fall Auction, Lebanon, PA.

**NOV. 9**
CVCA Annual Dinner, Orchard Vali golf club. See second page.

**DEC. 29**
CVCA Holiday Gathering. See below.

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**First Annual CVCA Holiday Gathering**
Saturday, December 29, 2013
Welcome at 1pm, dinner served at 2pm
_Held at the_
Hill & Dale Country Club
6402 State Route 80, Tully, NY 13159

Get out of the cold and join your fellow CVCA members for a delicious holiday dinner, with a full buffet and cash bar. This will be a great way to connect with friends before the new year!

The menu includes tossed salad, eggplant parmesan, Sicilian pasta with chicken, and rolls.

The price is $15 per person.
Reservations are required for the restaurant to prepare, payment can be made at the door.

Please RSVP by December 24 to Sandi Patrizio at (315) 655–4734 or spatrizio@twcny.rr.com

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Do you know how many calories you burn with equine activities? See the chart below, thanks to Barnmice online.

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

November 2012 ~ November 2013

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