

Cherry Valley Carriage Assoc.



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Sept.—Oct. 2009

CVCA Annual FALL SADOFF/ DAVIES PLEASURE DRIVE

Hosted by *Kevin & Sonia Davies*

Saturday, September 26th

(Rain Date is Sept. 27th)

Putnam Rd., Nelson, NY
Approx. 3 miles EAST of Cazenovia
North of Rt. 20 or 1/2 mile WEST of Nelson.
Watch for CVCA signs. . .

Bring a dish to pass and the grill will be available. Drinks and paper products will be provided.
The Drive will begin at 10:00 am and we will eat at 1:00 pm.
All CVCA members are welcome!

Please RSVP to Terri/Stormy Mather at 315-655-8690
or Kevin or Sonia at (315)655-3298

CVCA Annual CHENANGO VALLEY STATE PARK PLEASURE DRIVE & PICNIC

Saturday October 17th

(Rain Date is Oct. 18th)

October 18th is the date for the next drive in the Southern Tier of NY in one of our most beautiful state parks.
The Drive begins at 10:00 am, at will. Bring-Your-Own picnic
or a dish to pass, tableware, drinks and your own meat to grill (charcoal provided).
Drinks will be provided.

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

Please RSVP to *Tom & JoAnne Freschette* at 607-692-2209 or 607-343-0621

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT ONE OR BOTH OF THESE EVENTS!!

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(CVCA events in bold)

SEPT. 26th **CVCA DAVIES/SADOFF PLEASURE DRIVE** in Cazenovia, NY (Rain Date 9/27)

OCT. 17th **CVCA PLEASURE DRIVE @** Chenango Valley State Park (Rain date 10/18)

NOV. 14th **CVCA ANNUAL MEETING @** Orchard Vali Golf Club, Rt. 20, LaFayette, NY

This is our 30th Anniversary!

6pm Welcome Reception (w/ cash bar), 7pm Buffet Dinner

Start planning NOW for the Silent Auction!

More details next month, but **SAVE THE DATE NOW!**

Brunner's Fun Day

After a cool rainy month of June, the rain continued on Saturday, June 21, 2009. With flash flood warnings out, it was decided to go to the rain date of Sunday, June 22nd. Unfortunately this affected the expected turnout as a few drivers could not come on Father's Day. Sunday, the weather was much better with only a few light sprinkles early in the day.

Attending were John and Else Brunner, Joanne and Tom Fretchette, Carol Ann Newbury, Nichols, NY, and Pat Scanlon, Vestal, NY. Local horse enthusiasts, Jack and Kathy Taylor saw our Cherry Valley signs and followed them to the Brunners to enjoy watching the activities.

The day started out exciting for John. He hitched up his little fat Haflinger, Chisum, who is a veteran of many shows, rides and drives. Tom and Joanne's pretty little Haflinger mares, Bernie and Barbie (one in heat), drove Chisum halfway out of his mind. When Tom began to pass Chisum with Barbie on the road, Chisum became a little strong, so John turned him around and took Chisum for some alone time and gave him a refresher course on his manners.

John had mowed some nice trails in his several acre fields, as well as some "off-road" scenic trails through some nice woods, old pastures and overgrown apple orchards. Water crossings were optional, but all three horses took to the water like frogs. Joanne, with the lowest cart, had to hold her feet up while crossing. The Brunners also had set up a marathon (CDE) type obstacle course in the arena. It took most several tries to get through "clear". You would think "A-B-C-D-E...red on right," would be easy instructions to follow. It is trickier than it looks on paper. Brunners gave prizes for the best time. Joanne was first, Tom second, and Carol Ann third.

Carol Ann and Pat both joined the club and participated as new members. Pat enjoyed being a passenger, and Carol soloed with Bernie. Carol Ann was quite thrilled and gained in her confidence. John has been working with Carol Ann driving her (green) mammoth donkey, up in Nichols, NY

We had good food and drink after the drive. In spite of the light turn out, the day was rated a "success". The Brunners stated they will definitely do this again next year, and the weather can only be better next time.

The Spares Kit

A well-equipped spares kit should always be carried in a horse-drawn vehicle. Horse driving involves like every equestrian sport a rather high risk of accidents. It does not have to be always the worst case scenario: a broken trace, hame-strap, breeching strap etc. can occur anytime and, if you are not able to repair it then and there, you might have a long walk home ahead. It is a wise idea to carry a bag or container in your vehicle that contains essentials for emergency hoof-care and common repairs on harness parts.

Below is a suggestion of the content of a sparse kit. Of course, it can be altered depending on your horse's and equipment's individual needs. Make sure that all harness spares are in the correct size and are suitable on your vehicle you will use:

- ~Hole Punch
- ~Halter & Lead Line
- ~Cooler for horse
- ~Knife
- ~Hammer
- ~Wrench that fits the wheel
- ~Screwdriver
- ~Spare Trace, line or reinsplicer
- ~Rawhide or String
- ~Hoof Pick

Additions/changes to the 2009 CVCA Directory:

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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 December 30th, 2009

The 30th Annual CVCA Buffet Dinner, Silent Auction and Business Meeting is quickly approaching! Reserve the date now: Saturday, November 14th, 2009 at a new location: Orchard Vali Golf Club, Rt. 20, LaFayette, NY! Start collecting your Silent Auction Items NOW! I will be sending out official announcements with reservation and membership renewal slips soon, so be on the lookout for it. This is always a fun evening, so we hope to see you ALL! Details to come....

A Letter from the PRESIDENT ~~~



Well, here we are jumping into the Fall: getting the kids back to school; stocking up our Winter fuel supplies; and getting in those last couple of Fall drives. It is this last item to which I wish to speak.

I have been noticing that we, as a group, are getting a little "Lax" in our safety procedures. Just because everything runs smoothly at home when we go out to take a drive, don't forget that it only takes one overlooked thing to cause a serious accident. We need to remember that our horses are "Flight" creatures; if startled, they will run. Here are a few reminders to think of before we depart on our drives:

~Make sure your equipment is sound. This includes your harness, vehicle, truck and trailer. Do you check your harness for wear? Check your vehicle's wheels and shafts (be sure your spares kit is complete ~~and in~~ the vehicle). Go over your truck and trailer to be sure that all lights are working. Check all the tires for wear and air, check the brakes on both vehicles, and also auxiliary brakes. Make sure you have hitched the trailer to the truck correctly (you might be surprised how easy it is to make a mistake!).

~When on a drive, never exit your vehicle and leave your horse unattended. Take a passenger who is willing to attend to your horse or ask a passenger in another vehicle to help you if you must get out of the carriage. Keep your cell phone ON YOU (not in the spares kit. . . if the horse and carriage depart, you will need the phone).

~When driving in a group, try to go with a group that moves at the same pace as you are moving. Bunching up can cause a horse to get antsy and want to move on. Give yourself plenty of room to move.

I have checklists and if anyone is interested, just let me know. They are helpful to go over before heading out for a drive. I know that I get "lax" myself because Ace is so good about most things. Occasionally he reminds me that I'm forgetting something and we could get into trouble. I feel we all need to remember that we aren't the only person that could get hurt if we have an accident. We are also teaching the newer drivers by our example. Think ahead and be safe.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fero
CVCA President

For those of you who know our former Board Member and friend, Lisa Shotzberger, the farm she is working at, Ryerrs Farm in Pottstown, Pa, (www.Ryerrs.com) recently had one of their barns burn down. Fortunately there were no injuries of people or animals, but it is a farm for retired equines that depends on donations to keep running. Fire investigators determined that \$230,000 worth of damage was caused during a multiple-alarm fire that destroyed one of two main horse barns at Ryerrs Farm for Aged Equines on Ridge Road Saturday afternoon. Ryerrs Farm is open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Anyone interested in volunteering time or inquiring about how they can help the animals in the aftermath of the fire should call 610-469-0533, or stop by the farm during business hours. Monetary donations, which are tax deductible, may be made by sending a check payable to Ryerrs Farm for Aged Equines to 1710 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465.

TO READ ARTICLE <http://www.pottsmmerc.com/articles/2009/09/13/news/srv0000006379409.txt>

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and restoring horse-drawn vehicles.

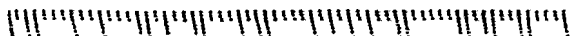
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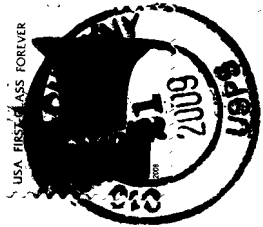
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