

# 2017 CAA Learning Weekend

February 2–5 at The Grand Oaks in Weirsdale, Florida

*Join us in sunny Florida this winter for a gathering of carriage and driving enthusiasts from around the world.*

## **The Grand Oaks** ([thegrandoaks.com](http://thegrandoaks.com))

The Grand Oaks Resort and Museum is a 400-acre equestrian resort community with trails, groomed outdoor space, fishing, croquet, and the Grand Oaks Arena, a spectacular 51,000-square-foot covered arena, plus an RV park, guest houses, stall rentals, a Bistro, and, of course, the carriage museum.

The Grand Oaks Carriage Museum is home to one of the world's largest private collections of carriages and equine artifacts. Step back in time and enjoy the elegance and pageantry of more than 160 European and American carriages, including the elaborate 1850 Armbruster Dress Chariot once owned by Emperor of Austria Franz Joseph, and his wife, Elisabeth. The museum offers a unique glimpse into the history of the relationship between man and horse and clearly defines the manner in which the horse has helped shape the history of man.

## **CAA Driver Proficiency Program**

Lessons and evaluations will be offered throughout the weekend (on a sign-up basis), and you may use your own turnout or one rented from The Grand Oaks. Lessons and evaluations are offered for all Driver Proficiency levels on a first-come, first-served basis.



## 2017 CAA Learning Weekend • Schedule of Events

### Thursday, February 2

- 9:00 a.m. .... Registration  
*throughout the day*..... CAA Driver Proficiency Evaluations (on a sign-up basis)  
9:00 a.m. .... Silent Auction setup  
10:00 a.m. – noon ..... Guided tours of the carriage collection at The Grand Oaks (on a sign-up basis)  
12:30–2:00 p.m. .... *Lunch break*  
2:00–3:00 p.m. .... Talk: “Abbot-Downing Vehicles” – Ken Wheeling  
3:00–4:00 p.m. .... Carriage Demo: Brewster Basket Phaeton and three-abreast  
4:00–5:30 p.m. .... Tours of Gloria Austin’s collection and library (on a sign-up basis)  
5:00–7:00 p.m. .... Open House at the Yellow House – hosted by Kate & Katie Whaley

### Friday, February 3

- throughout the day*..... CAA Driver Proficiency Evaluations (on a sign-up basis)  
9:00–10:00 a.m. .... Round Table discussion: Private Driving Staff  
10:15–11:15 a.m. .... Round Table discussion (continued): Private Driving Staff  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. .... Talk: “Organizing Events” – Ed Young and Mike Rider  
12:30–2:00 p.m. .... *Lunch break*  
2:00–3:00 p.m. .... Talk: “Fitness of a Carriage Horse” – Dr. Thomas Burgess  
3:00–4:00 p.m. .... Carriage Demo: Brewster Skeleton Break and four-in-hand

### Saturday, February 4

- throughout the day*..... CAA Driver Proficiency Evaluations (on a sign-up basis)  
9:00–10:00 a.m. .... Talk: “Different Driving Styles from Around the World” – Gloria Austin  
10:30–11:00 a.m. .... CAA Annual Membership Meeting  
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. .... CAA Open Forum (overseen by Jerry D. Rider)  
12:30–2:00 p.m. .... *Lunch break*  
1:30 p.m. .... Silent Auction closes  
2:00–3:00 p.m. .... Talk: “The Running of a Private Stable, Yesterday & Today”  
3:00–4:00 p.m. .... Carriage Demo: Armbruster Dress Chariot and six-in-hand  
7:00 p.m. .... Dinner and Dance

### Table Top Displays, Discussions, and Demos *(will take place daily on rotation during the lunch breaks)*

- (listed alphabetically)
- Bits and Their Uses – Steve Holm
  - CAA Driver Proficiency Program – Jerry Trapani
  - CAA Trips – Jill Ryder
  - The Carriage Journal* Magazine: now available for online research
  - Cleaning Harness – Lucas Iking
  - CMA “What is it?” Display
  - FFA Carriage Restoration Project
  - Making of the Gala Harness – Henk Van Der Wiel
  - Research on the Life of Empress Elisabeth – Allison Pataki
  - Restoration of the Armbruster Dress Chariot – Patrick Schroven
  - The Whip and How To Use It – David Saunders

## 2017 CAA Learning Weekend • Where To Stay

### CAA Hotel Headquarters

The **Comfort Suites, The Villages (FL731)** is the official CAA Learning Weekend hotel, with a special rate of \$99.00 per room (the tax rate is 11%). This rate applies for one to four guests per room. To make a reservation, call 352-259-6578 and mention our group code: CAA. The room rate at the Comfort Suites includes a complimentary hot breakfast.

### Other Hotel and B&B Options in the Area

Microtel Inn, Lady Lake / The Villages – 352-259-0184

Holiday Inn, The Villages – 352-750-3888

Hampton Inn, The Villages – 352-259-8246

Shamrock Thistle & Crown B&B, Weirsdale – 352-821-1887

Microtel Inn, Leesburg – 352-315-1234

### RV Parking is Also Available

The Grand Oaks, Weirsdale – 352-750-5500

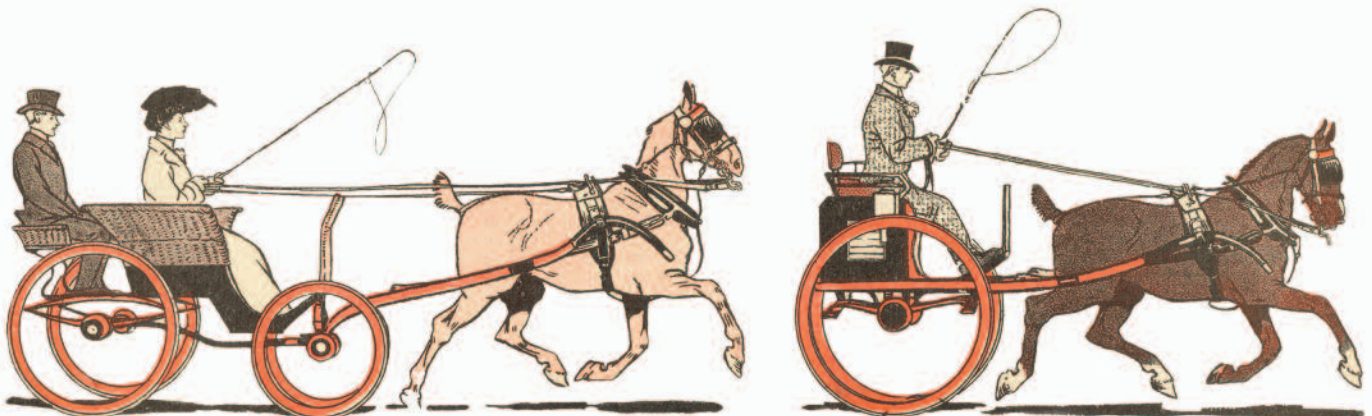
Blue Parrot Camping Park, Lady Lake – 352-753-2026

Recreation Plantation RV Resort, Lady Lake – 352-753-7222

## 2017 CAA Learning Weekend • How To Get There

### Nearby Airports

Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB) is 54 miles from Weirsdale; Daytona Beach International Airport (DAB) is 62 miles away; Orlando International Airport (MCO) is 68 miles away; Gainesville (GNV) is 69 miles away; and Tampa (TPA) is 98 miles from The Grand Oaks. Leesburg (LEE) and Ocala (OCF) also have small regional airports.



# 2017 CAA Learning Weekend • Registration Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number / E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) for Badges: \_\_\_\_\_

All Learning Weekend activities (talks, carriage and other demos, round-table discussions, refreshments, lunches, tours, and Saturday evening's dinner / dance) are included in the package fee of \$195 per person.

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Learning Weekend packages @ \$195 each.

I am interested in signing up for a Trade Fair space (please send information to: \_\_\_\_\_).

I am interested in learning more about the CAA Driver Proficiency Program.

I plan to sign up for a Driver Proficiency lesson and/or evaluation during the Learning Weekend.

I would like to make a donation (at the level I've checked below) to help sponsor the 2017 CAA Learning Weekend.

\$1,000 helps sponsor the speakers

\$250 helps sponsor a break

\$750 helps sponsor a band

\$175 helps sponsor prizes & gifts

\$500 helps sponsor a reception

\$100 helps sponsor the General LW Fund

I've enclosed a check (made payable to the CAA) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my:  Visa  Mastercard  AmEx  Discover

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Security code (3 extra digits on the back of most cards, or 4 extra printed on the front of AmEx cards): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send this form & payment to the CAA (4075 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington KY 40511, or fax: 859-231-0973).**