

CELEBRATE THE TRADITION!



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Sporting Day of
Traditional Driving
and
Carriage Showcase
at the
Wethersfield Estate,
Amenia, New York

June 10-12th
2022

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The Carriage Association of America is proudly celebrating its 60th year of preserving carriages and traditional driving.

Driving at the Wethersfield Estate during this special year ties us back to our driving roots. Chauncey Stillman, an early CAA supporter, hosted many carriage drives at Wethersfield and drove his Columbus Buggy Company Saylor Wagon on a daily basis. We are excited to follow in his wheel tracks.

At the turn of the 20th century, during the heyday of carriages, most people were familiar with the style and skill of carriage driving. Horses and carriages were not only a means of transportation but a social institution. A Sunday drive to visit

friends and relatives, a lady driving to tea, a picnic drive with the family to a park, a drive to visit a fair or the races or a polo match—all were part of the fabric of a quieter, gentler way of life. We are excited to bring that Sunday drive feel to this event.

We hope you will join us in celebrating our 60th anniversary with this special carriage event.

Jill Ryder

Carriage Association of America
Executive Director

Driving and Carriage Events

Sporting Day of Traditional Driving

The purpose of a Sporting Day of Traditional Driving is to preserve and celebrate the carriage-driving style of bygone days, which encompasses horsemanship, driving acumen, care and preservation of carriage and harness, and the intangible qualities of good sportsmanship.

The Sporting Day focuses on traditional driving and includes three phases: a Turnout Inspection, a Country Drive, and the Cones Course. Traditional driving, as we define it, makes use of one of the recognized styles of driving—English Classical (or its German modification, known as Achenbach), Hungarian, or American—whichever is appropriate for the type of carriage, horse, and harness being used. *All types of carriages are accepted, but antique vehicles or traditional reproductions of the same are preferred.* Traditional leather harness that is appropriate to the vehicle is preferred over synthetic harness.

CAA Carriage Showcase

The purpose of the Carriage Showcase is to highlight the importance of carriage restoration and conservation. It is an adjudicated evaluation of vehicles preserved, restored or newly built that follow traditional styles. Judges look at documentation, paintwork & striping, trimming & upholstery, soundness, and changes to the vehicle.



Carriage Showcase awards are:

The Carl Casper Trophy

(highest scoring restored vehicle)

The Sidney Latham Memorial Trophy

(highest scoring restored vehicle in use)

The Ken Sowles Memorial People's Choice Award

The Davis Documentation Award

(best documented vehicle)

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Event Schedule

Thursday June 9th

Stabling opens

Friday June 10th

Drive at will on marked trails

Noon CAA Board meeting & lunch – Carriage House, Wethersfield Estate

3-6 pm CAA Carriage Showcase judging – Wethersfield Estate

3:30 pm Driver's Meeting to review weekend activities

6:00 PM CAA Welcome Garden Party – Wethersfield House Gardens

Hosted by the Wethersfield Garden & Estate

Saturday June 11th

7:30 AM Coffee & pastries

8:30 AM Volunteer's meeting

10:00 AM Phase I – Presentation

10:30 AM Phase II – Road Drive

12:30-1:30 PM Buffet Lunch

3-5:00 PM Showcase commentary

Drive at will on marked trails

6:30 PM CAA 60th Anniversary Celebration Evening with Auction (tickets required)

Sunday June 12th

7:30 AM Coffee & pastries

10:00 AM Phase III – Obstacle Cones Course

Drive at will on marked trails

11:30 AM Brunch & Awards Ceremony



Wethersfield Estate

(www.wethersfield.org)

Nestled in 1,000 acres of beautiful rolling hills in Dutchess County, New York, Wethersfield is the living expression of everything that its founder, Chauncey Devereux Stillman (1907–1989), cherished and believed in.

With a passion for nature, beauty, and proper stewardship of the land, Mr. Stillman was an accomplished equestrian, an avid conservationist, and a lover of the arts, faith, and the intellectual life.

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General Information

Stabling

Temporary stabling will be set up on a flat grassy area near the Wethersfield farm buildings. Electric and water are available. Weekend Cost: \$195.00 per stall (Thursday - Sunday) *Cancellation fees may apply if canceled after May 31st.*

Driving Activities

Driving Activities include driving at will on marked driving trails and a Sporting Day of Traditional Driving (no entry fee), which includes presentation, country drive and cones.

Must be current CAA member to participate with horses (for insurance purposes).

Covid Policy -

We will follow the guidelines provided by the venue and New York State.

Directions

From north or south on the Taconic State Parkway, take the exit to US44/Poughkeepsie/Millbrook. Turn east on the Route 44 toward Millbrook. Continue 10.9 miles on 44 east to Bangall Amenia Rd (County Route 86). Turn left on Bangall Amenia Rd and continue for 2.4 miles. Turn right onto Pugsley Hill Rd and drive for 1.0 miles to the trail entrance on left. Please park in the designated area.

Airports

New York Stewart Intn'l, Newburg, NY [SWF] (1:15 to Wethersfield)

Westchester County Airport, White Plains, NY [HPN] (1:30 to Wethersfield)

Albany Intn'l Airport, Albany NY [ALB] (1:30 to Wethersfield)

Newark International Airport, Newark, NJ (2-hour drive to Wethersfield)

Where to Stay

Self-contained RVs and trailers are permitted to overnight at Wethersfield Estate (no hookups or other facilities available).

All activities take place at Wethersfield Estate, therefore there is no hotel headquarters.

Check all B&Bs, motels, hotels and Airbnbs in the surrounding areas. The Dutchess County Tourism office has suggestions at <https://dutchesstourism.com>. A few other suggestions are:

Poughkeepsie, NY

Best Western Plus The Inn & Suites at the Falls

Kingston, NY (45 min from Wethersfield)

Hampton Inn Kingston

Courtyard by Marriott Kingston

Residence inn Kingston

Holiday Inn Express Kingston

Best Western Plus Kingston Hotel and Conf. Center (55 min)

Rhinebeck, NY (40 min from Wethersfield)

Beekman Arms/Delmater Inn & Conf. Center

The 2022 CAA Carriage Showcase at Wethersfield Estate...

an adjudicated evaluation of vehicles preserved, restored, or newly built, following traditional styles.

Judging will take place on Friday, June 10th at 3 pm. Commentary and certificates on Saturday, June 11th at 3 pm; trophies awarded Sunday at the brunch.

Classes Offered in the Carriage Showcase:

1. Restored: Amateur
2. Restored: Professional
3. Original / Preserved*
4. New Vehicles
5. Miniature Reproductions*
- 6 a. Vehicles in Use - Restoration (30 years or older)
- 6 b. Vehicles in Use - New (less than 30 years old)

Carriage Showcase Awards:

- Gold, Silver, and Bronze Certificates
- The Carl Casper Trophy (awarded to the highest-scoring restored vehicle)
- The Sidney Latham Memorial Trophy (awarded to the highest-scoring restored in-use vehicle)
- The Ken Sowles Memorial People's Choice Award
- The Davis Documentation Award (awarded to the best documented vehicle)

Conditions and Rules

1. All of the vehicles in the classes will be judged using a numbered scoring system. A determined point of value will be used to award a certificate of quality for each vehicle in gold, silver, or bronze. Any vehicle falling below this point determination will receive a certificate of appreciation.
2. Vehicles that have been entered in previous CAA Carriage Showcase competitions may be entered to receive certification. These vehicles are not eligible for overall awards, unless at least 20% of the vehicle has been modified since its last competition. (Exception: see "Vehicles in Use" above.)
3. The vehicle needs to be in a state to hitch and use. This would include the pole, shafts, neck yoke, lead bars, spare bars, etc. If the vehicle had lamps, umbrellas, parasols, basket, clock, food and beverage chests, etc., these should be included. This is not an appointments class. Whips, aprons, etc. are not judged.
4. Documentation counts towards awards. Any records or original photos of restored vehicles should be displayed to help the judges and for the interest of the public at large.
5. Commentary and certificates awarded on Saturday, June 11th at 3 pm; trophies awarded Sunday at brunch.

Divisions:

- **Restored:** The object of the Showcase is to evaluate the quality and authenticity done on the vehicles. The judge's decisions will take into account the paint-work, including the suitability of the color scheme; the trimming; and the quality of the work. The trim (cushions, squabs, carpet, top, and lining), as well as the accessories (dash, fenders, whip socket, lamps, stick basket, etc.) shall also be judged for quality and appropriateness.
- **Amateur:** To qualify for the amateur class, all of the painting must be the work of an amateur. Professional striping and trimming work will be allowed.
- **Vehicles in Use:** Used (driven) since they were restored, conserved, or newly built. These vehicles give viewers an opportunity to see the effects of use on materials and finishes, the durability of repairs that may have been made, and might provide some guidance and feedback to restorers and owners considering restorations. Vehicles previously entered in the Restored class and driven since are eligible for this class.
- **Miniature Reproductions:** Modeled reproductions of original vehicles that are functional but not large enough for animal use.

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Carriage Showcase Entry Form

Only one vehicle per entry form. If you are entering more than one vehicle, please submit a separate entry form for each one. All entries must have a tag with your name attached for identification and must be in place by noon, on Friday, June 10th. Vehicles can be stored in a tent, weather permitting the vehicles will be displayed outdoors for ease of viewing.

Owner:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Class Entering:

Vehicle Description / Details:

Restored by:

Was this vehicle previously entered in the Showcase: (if yes, give year) _____

Would you prefer to hear the judges' comments in private? Yes No

Do you mind hearing the judges' comments in public? Yes No

Entry Fee: No entry fee – but vehicles MUST be registered prior to judging

I understand and agree that neither the Carriage Association of America, Inc., Wethersfield Estate, the organizers, nor volunteers will accept any responsibility for damage or third-party liability in connection with this event.

Signature of Owner:

Date:

Send form back to the Carriage Association of America by June 1st.
Mailing address: 4075 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511
Fax: 859-231-0973



Keeping the tradition alive

Entry Form for A Sporting Day of Traditional Driving

Driver's name & contact info: _____

Carriage info (type, builder, date): _____

Equine(s) (breed, age, sex, height): _____

Names of grooms and passengers: _____

Release:

In consideration of being permitted to participate in driving activities at the Sporting Day of Traditional Driving (being held at Wethersfield Estate on June 10-12, 2022 and on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, I agree to be bound by the following:

I fully understand that equestrian activities entail the possibility of accident, injury or damage. I knowingly and freely assume the risk of all such injury, damages and losses arising out of my participation in this event whether arising out of my negligence, recklessness or culpable conduct, or that of Wethersfield Estate, the Carriage Association of America, Inc., their officers, directors, trustees, agents, members and employees, all property owners, sponsors, spectators and co-participants, or any other person or property owner connected with this event. And further, I agree to hold harmless and indemnify Wethersfield Estate, the Carriage Association of America, Inc., and all those referred to herein from any claims, demands, or losses of whatever nature, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising as a result of my participation in this event.

This release contains the entire agreement between the parties to this agreement and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

Owner's signature: _____

Driver's signature: _____

Grooms' signatures: _____

Passengers' signatures: _____

Antique or Traditional Reproduction Division

Single Horse Single Pony Pair Horse Pair Pony Four-in-Hand

Modern Vehicles

Single Horse Single Pony Pair Horse Pair Pony Four-in-Hand

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Registration

Name(s): _____ CAA Member(s)? ___ Yes ___ No

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Name(s) for Badges: _____

Stabling:
Number of Stalls Requested _____ x \$195.00 per stall \$ _____

Tickets:
Saturday 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner & Auction _____ x \$135 pp _____
(Space is limited)

Number of VIP Package Tickets _____ x \$295 pp _____
(Package Ticket includes event continental breakfasts, daily refreshments, lunches; Welcome Garden Party, Sunday Awards Brunch; commemorative gift; driving activities; Carriage Showcase)

Number of General Admission Package Tickets _____ x \$60 pp _____
(General Admission Package Ticket includes event access to hospitality tent; driving activities; Carriage Showcase. Does not include meals.)

Number of VIP Tickets (single day) _____ x \$115 pp _____
(Single Day VIP Ticket includes daily activities including meals, carriage activities and social opportunities plus access to hospitality tent.)

Circle day: Friday Saturday Sunday

Number of General Admission Tickets (single day) _____ x \$25 pp _____
(One Day Ticket includes carriage activities and social opportunities plus general access to hospitality tent. Does not include meals.)

Donation (Sponsorship opportunities available) _____

Total \$ _____

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

☐ Please charge \$ _____ to my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Account # _____

Security Code: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature of cardholder: _____

Please send forms to the Carriage Association of America, 4075 Iron Works Pkwy, Lexington, KY 40511

Fax: 859-231-0973 Questions? Call 859-231-0971