

# Central Region (Onondaga, Oswego, Oneida, Herkimer, Madison, and Cayuga Counties)

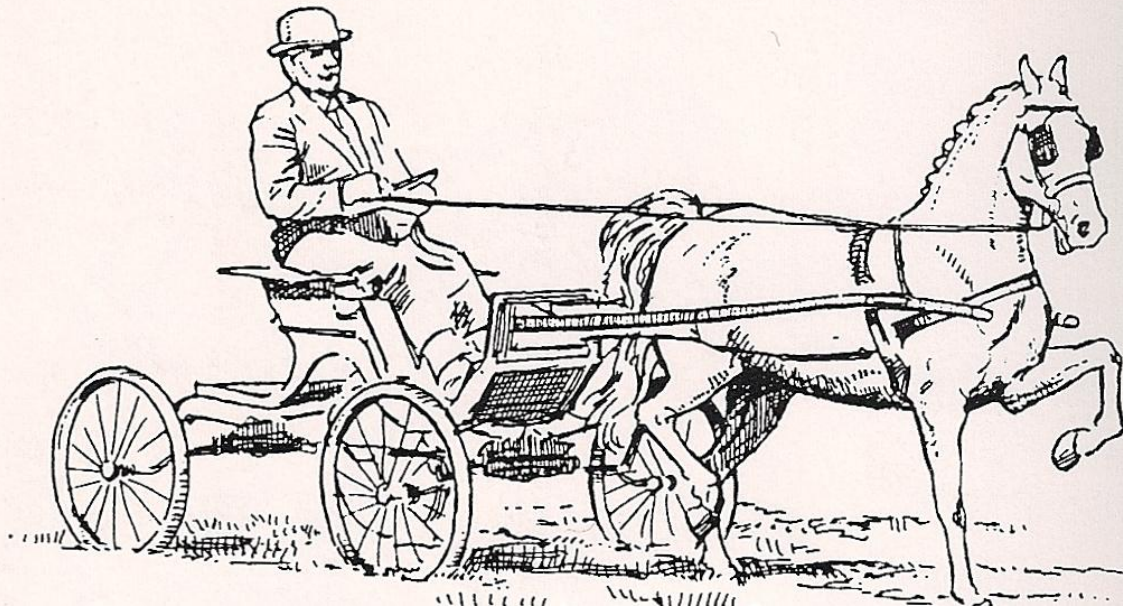


***Premiere Equestrian Events*** - If you live here, or are planning a trip to our area, these are special horse events or locations that are highly recommended.

**Syracuse PHA Horse Show** - NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY, April 27-May1, 2011. "A" rated hunter and jumper show, free and accessible to the public. Details can be found at (<http://www.syracusepha.org/shows/shows.html>) and/or at (<http://www.naomishorseshows.com/content/2011-syracuse-chapter-pha-60th-annual-charity-horse-show>)

**NYS Horse Breeder's Association Horse Show** - NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY. The NYSHBA offers competition for a wide variety of breeds, for the competitor or the spectator. Section I (May 19-22, 2011), All Breed Horse Show - featuring Arabian (Half & Anglo), Haflinger, Morgan, National Show Horse, Saddlebred, Paso Fino, Welsh, Miniature Horses, Roadster Pony, Tennessee Walking Horse, Hackney Pony, Open & Academy Classes. Section II (May 26-30, 2011) Classes for Appaloosa, Nokota, Pinto, Paint, Palomino, AQHA, NRHA Reining, Open Hunters. [http:// www.nyshba.org](http://www.nyshba.org)

**Syracuse International Horse Show** - NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY, June 29-July 2, 2011 - Sections for Saddlebred, Saddleseat, Morgan, Hackney Pony, Road Horse, Friesian, and National Show Horse. [http:// www.ashany.org](http://www.ashany.org) (American Saddlebred Horse Association of New York)



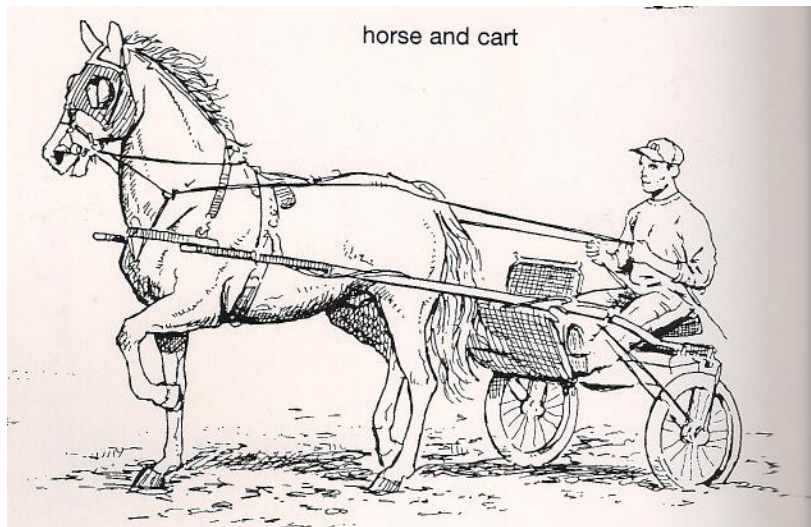
**Lorenzo Driving Competition** - Lorenzo Estate (NYS Historic site, Cazenovia, NY, July 17&18, 2010 - Carriage and cart competition for ponies, horses, singles and teams. A beautiful and most appropriate setting to see transportation as sport, as it was practiced 100 years ago and is enjoyed today. <http://www.lorenzony.org/>

**New York State Fair Horse Show** - NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY, Thursday, August 25 through Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2011 - Classes for a vast variety of breeds and disciplines, from mini to draft, halter to performance. There is a lot going on so you need to check the schedule and the map to find what interests you the most; two divisions, with a separate Youth 4-H show grounds, and an outdoor arena for hunters, jumpers, and draft pony hitches, on the opposite side of the fairgrounds from the Coliseum. Check it out before you go!!!n [http:// nysfair.org/home](http://nysfair.org/home)

***If you are looking for large horse shows in our region, check out the web site [www.horseshowcentral.com](http://www.horseshowcentral.com) The first page shows current dates of active shows, and following pages have shows of recent years that may or may not still be held. Each event listed has handy links to other sites that should prove useful.***

### ***Venues and Places to Go***

**NYS Fairgrounds**, Syracuse, NY - Central NY's most popular venue for breed shows, youth and 4-H, national and international competitions. Syracuse is close by the intersection of the NYS Thruway and Route 81, so it is very accessible to all of New York. After winter is over and the hockey players leave, the Coliseum, horse and cattle barns are used virtually every weekend for some kind of equine event, in addition to non-horse events on the fairgrounds. Check the website, [http:// nysfair.org/home](http://nysfair.org/home), and select Event Schedule, Events by Category, Horse Show.



**Vernon Downs Harness Racetrack**, 4229 Stuhlman Road, Vernon, New York 13476  
Phone: 877-88-VERNON (1-877-888-3766) [http:// www.vernondowns.com](http://www.vernondowns.com), Harness races, a “racino” for gambling, and hotel on the grounds.

**Caernarvon Horse Park**, 30 minutes north of Utica, NY, operated by Barneveld Horsemen’s Association ([http:// www.bhahorse.com](http://www.bhahorse.com)). 50 acres of woods, fields and streams, with miles of trails, as well as showgrounds. Check their schedule of open horse shows throughout the year, including Western, Hunter, Dressage & Combined Driving, Carriage Competition, Trail Rides, Clinics, and much more.

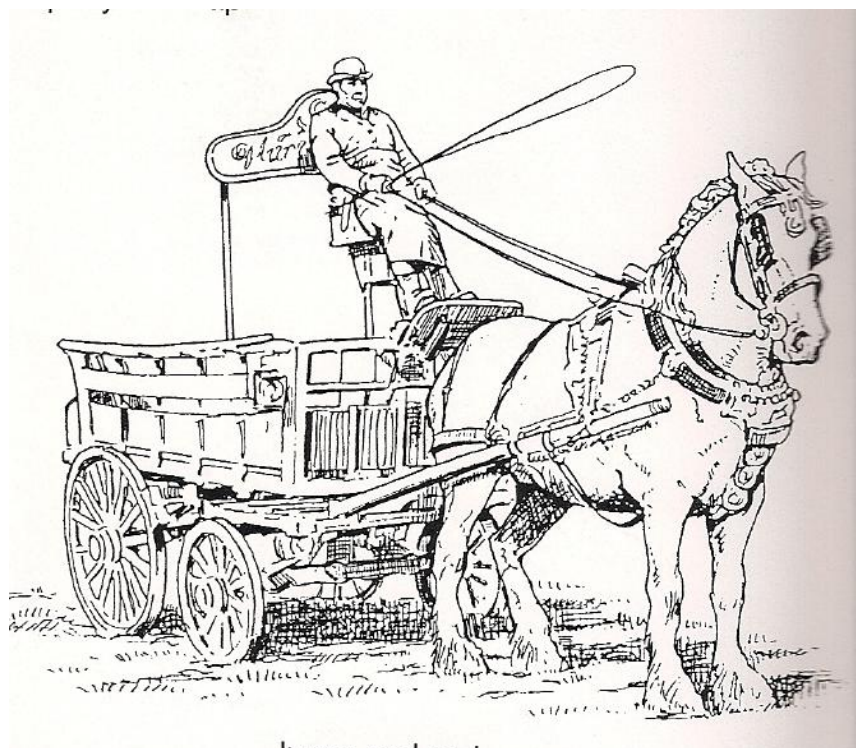
**Brookfield Horse Trail System** ([http:// www.dec.ny.gov/lands/8243.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/8243.html)) also (<http://www.taylorstackandfield.com>), also (<http://www.brookfieldny.com/horseback.htm>) Brookfield, NY (southeast Madison County). 130 miles of horse and snowmobile trails, overnight camping facilities, site of many organized trail rides and carriage drives throughout the year. New York State Horse Council has an annual trail ride here, as do many other horse organizations.

## **More Organizations That Might Bring You To The Central Region**

Beyond our premiere events and attractions, there are numerous organizations for specific breeds, disciplines, and equine activities. There are many breed shows and even more open shows that are listed on area breed websites, which can be found by “searching the Web”. However, the following is an effort to publicize equine groups or places of interest to the people who live in the Central Region, and to those who plan to visit and would like to find kindred spirits. More will be added as they are brought to our attention.

**New York State Draft Horse Club** ([http:// www.freewebs.com/nysdrafthorseclub](http://www.freewebs.com/nysdrafthorseclub)) or contact Mulligan Family, 1023 Campbell Rd, Earlville, NY 13332. Members represent

all breeds of draft horses, organize plowing and harvest days, trail drives, participate in draft horse classes locally and nationally, and organize an annual draft horse and tack auction in Cortland, NY., every fall.



**Cherry Valley Carriage Association** (<http://cherryvalleycarriage.com>) Members drive horses or ponies, “put to” a carriage or cart, in organized carriage competitions, fun drives, driving clinics, and even an annual sleigh rally in February at the Lorenzo historic site in Cazenovia, NY. Members come from all over the Central Region and well beyond.

**NYS Horse Breeders Association** (<http://www.nyshba.org/content/about-web-site>) Club was organized to represent all breed organizations of the area, each of which provides a representative to the board, who then communicates information between NYSHBA and the breed organization. The website is organized to provide a public forum, links to breed web sites, and constantly updated calendar of area horse events.

**Limestone Creek Hunt** (<http://www.limestonecreekhunt.org>) A recognized hunt with a well-bred pack of hounds. This is a “drag hunt” (the hounds follow a scent that is dragged by a rider shortly before the hunt), so be aware that the pace is faster than a traditional casting of hounds. Horses and riders should be in shape for a workout. The hunt has a number of trail rides, clinics, and hunter paces during the year, and the public is welcome to view formal hunts or follow safely by car.

**Carriage Museum, adjacent to Daniel Parrish Witter Agricultural Museum**, (<http://www.nysagsociety.org/museum/witterhistory.htm>) New York State Fairgrounds. A

collection of more than 50 horse-drawn vehicles and working blacksmith shop, open to the public during the State Fair, and other select times during the year. A very nice carriage collection, open to the public for a sadly limited number of days.

**Carriage Museum at the Lorenzo Estate** (NYS Historic site, Cazenovia, NY.) (<http://www.lorenzony.org>) Among other points of interest, the carriage house has a select collection of vehicles that would have been maintained by a family living on an estate of this period.

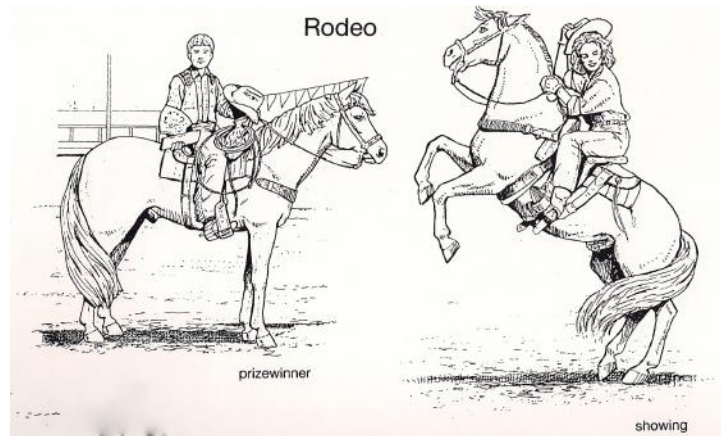
In Central New York, there is something going on each and every weekend, and you can find much of it in: **Horse Bits Magazine - Horse Breeders** (9417 Preston Hill Rd, Camden, NY 13316 Phone: 315-245-5086) This is a monthly magazine for Central New York horsepeople, listing events, show results, news and advertising. Every month has a calendar of upcoming horse shows, trail rides, tack sales, clinics, lists of certified show judges, and other horse oriented events. There is no other calendar that offers so much current information of this type for Central New York, but you won't find a website for this magazine; you need to find a hard copy. We don't sell this magazine, but you can find it at most magazine racks of tack shops in this area, or contact the magazine directly.

**Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY** (<http://www.cazenovia.edu>) This school offers 2 and 4 year degreed programs in a wide range of programs, including a major in Equine Business Management, and Certificate Programs in Equine Reproductive Management. To quote the catalog on the website, "During the academic year, the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Riding Teams, Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) Team and a Horse Judging Team participate in a number of intercollegiate competitions. The IHSA riders compete in hunter seat and/or western shows up to 10 times per school year before moving on to Regionals, Zones and Nationals... Additionally, the team sends riders to one or more tournaments each season to experience competition outside the region. The Equine Ambassadors Club is also available to all interested students on campus. The club functions as an educational, social, and service organization with a variety of activities throughout the year." The equine facilities include stabling for college-owned and student-owned horses, and a large arena for instruction and equine events.

**Morrisville State College, SUNY, Morrisville, NY** (<http://www.morrisville.edu/>) This college offers more than 70 specialized associate and bachelor degree programs, including an "Equine Science B. Tech. Program." Agriculture and Equine facilities include livestock barns, horse stabling, covered arena for equine instruction and events, breeding programs and production sales for Standardbreds, and instruction in riding and driving of various saddle and harness breeds.

**John Madden Sales, Cazenovia, NY** (<http://www.johnmaddensales.com>) This is not actually open to the public for tours (unless you have deep pockets and are in the market for a competitive jumper). But area boosters are touting the "Equine Corridor of Route 20", encompassing Cazenovia and Morrisville Colleges and John Madden Sales (located about halfway between the two), which is one of the prime movers behind the currently defunct Syracuse Invitational. If you are interested in show jumping, this

website includes a monthly schedule of shows (around the country and the world, not just our central district), presumably some of which will be attended by John's wife, Olympic-champion Bezie Madden. A beautiful site if you are into show jumping.



**County Fairs -- We all have 'em, we all love 'em.** A great place to watch or compete, if you are in 4-H, are beginning to show your horse, or you just want to get away from the big breed shows. With high gas prices and limited disposable income, many are rediscovering the beauty of keeping things simple and close to home. Check out our county fair websites, one by one.

Madison County, Brookfield, July 22 - 30, 2011

(<http://www.madisoncounty-fair.com>) *There are several Madison County Fairs in other states, but this is New York's oldest!*

Oneida County, Boonville, July 25-31, 2011 (<http://www.frontiernet.net/~boonvillefair/>)

Oswego County, Sandy Creek, June 30 - July 4, 2011 (<http://www.oswegocountyfair.com/index.html>)

Herkimer County, Frankfort, August 16-21, 2011 (<http://www.herkimercountyfair.org/>)

Cayuga County, Weedsport, July 8-11, 2011 (<http://www.cayugacountyfair.org/>)

Onondaga County doesn't have a traditional county fair, although they do have the State Fair. They have what they call the **Onondaga County Youth Fair**, for 4-H clubs. The finalists in 4-H divisions, including horse events, go to State Fair competition.

Dates: last year it was July 29, 2010 - August 1, 2010, in the NYS Fairgrounds Coliseum. This year's dates have not yet been announced, but it soon should be posted on <http://www.nyfairs.org/fairdates.htm> General Info Phone Number: 315-424-9485

Location: New York State Fairgrounds  
Syracuse, NY, Onondaga County