



How we started

Marine On St. Croix This sleepy little village on the St. Croix River was the home of several people who would meet occasionally to drive their horses and began, jokingly, to refer to themselves as “The Driving. An organizational meeting was held in September of 1973 and the group organized formally in January 1974 as the St. Croix Horse and Carriage Society. Our first president, Rollie Isker, worked as a guard at the nearby Stillwater State Prison. Being a civic minded individual, he gave lawyer T. Eugene Thompson, an inmate convicted of murder, the opportunity to write the first Constitution and By-Laws of the Society.

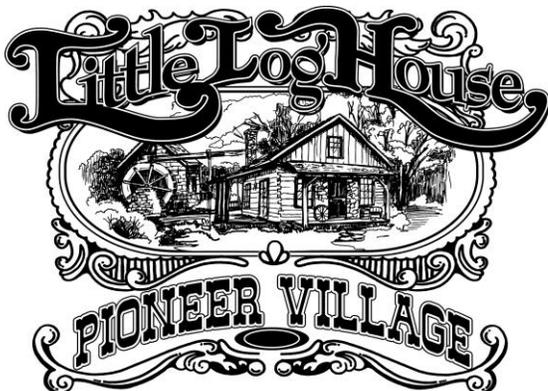
Society Objectives Mainly was to promote the interest in the driven horse and pony. Sharing of information on equipment, such as vehicles, harness, training methods, buying or building a carriage, restoring antique vehicles was important then and is still pertinent now.

Meetings were set up for the first Wednesday of the month and have continued that way for 40 years. Various speakers are engaged to provide an educational experience for members. Coffee, tea, and treats precede a short business meeting.

Drives occur monthly at various locations with a potluck meal that follows. One of our wags has said, “We’re an eating club that drives”. The pleasure of the driven horse is often expanded with drives that last overnight or for a long weekend, camping with horses is a great pleasure.

Carriage Association of America (CAA) is a national organization, of which we are one of the oldest chapters, since 1986. Their national conventions have been attended by many of our members and several of us have won high awards in restoration competitions of the CAA. Two members of our society, Stephen Osbourne and Vicki Nelson Bodoh, have been presidents of the CAA

Big Events Sleighing has been a favorite past time over the years, we produced a sleighing event for the St. Paul Winter Carnival for many years. In 1992 we organized a sleighing conference with a restoration competition for sleighs and invited the CAA and repeated it for the CAA. Both were huge successes.



40th Anniversary We’ve continued as we started, enjoying all aspects of the driven horse. We will mark this anniversary by sharing this information and the love of the driven horse with everyone who attends **The Little Log House Show** in Hastings, MN

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