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New York Carriage Drive

Some 4,000 spectators enjoyed viewing an open carriage drive held August 1st, as part of the East Aurora annual New York Racing Day Program. The carriage drive was sponsored by three local members of the New York State Morgan Horse Society.

Of the 16 entries, 10 were Morgans, and all trophies were won by Morgans. The Rev. Robert Wurtz, Lackawanna, N.Y. took home a first place driving trophy with his team of Morgans - Citadel Kaki King and L'Ghorn's Henrietta. Winning second was Elizabeth O'Donnell, Woodbury Farms, East Aurora, N.Y., with her mare Hesperus to an open auto-seat buggy. Mary Arnold, Arnona Farms, Bath, N.Y. placed third in the driving competition with Scheherazade. The carriage drive covered a route of 5.75 miles.

the N.Y. State Morgan Horse Society has been invited to participate in the 1977 program of the N.Y. Racing Day, which is a throwback from the 1880's when East Aurora was known as the trotting nursery of the world. Also included in this year's program was a polo game and trotting races on Main Street.

If you have old photos or stories you would like to share with the NYSMHS members please send them in for publication in the Trader. It is great to be able to learn more about the wonderful Morgans that have been such an important part of the rich Morgan history here in New York State.