

CAA VISIT TO
**LONG ISLAND
NEW YORK**



OCTOBER 9-12, 2025



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The extraordinary collection of horse-drawn vehicles at the Long Island Museum at Stony Brook was begun by Ward Melville, a man fascinated by the past and committed to public education. He began collecting carriages in the early 1940s, and his enthusiasm for carriages caused him to be elected president of the newly formed CAA in 1960. His collection became the core of the Museum's collection, which first opened to the public in 1951, and has continued to grow through both purchase and gift.



The late sporting gentleman F. Ambrose Clark arrives with his guests at a meet of the Meadowbrook Hunt, 1939.



The museum's collection is divided into galleries representing carriages used in everyday life, commercial vehicles found on a typical 19th century New York City street, an example of a gentleman's coach house and harness room, a European carriage gallery, and an exposition gallery modeled after the transportation exhibition at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. The museum also houses an extensive carriage research library.

Through the help of CAA Honorary Director and Long Island Resident Jerry Trapani and his wife, Rita, the CAA is thrilled to return to Long Island this fall. The itinerary includes a private guided tour of the LIM collection led by the museum's curators, as well as a visit into the museum's storehouses (not on display to the general public.)



The visit continues on Saturday with a private visit to the stables of the noted horseman F. Ambrose Clark, and a visit to a collection of carriages at nearby Sands Point Preserve, the gilded-age estate of the Gould & Guggenheim families. The visits conclude with a private visit to the award-winning automobile collection of Howard & Roz Kroplick.

Registration is limited to 50 people. We hope we see you on Long Island this October!



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Host Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, 1 Circle Road, Stony Brook, NY

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/ispsbgi-hilton-garden-inn-stony-brook/>



The Hilton Garden Inn is on the Stony Brook University campus, across the street from the university's medical center. The free shuttle has a three-mile radius and includes stops to the historic village and the train station. Northern Coast Kitchen & Cocktails serves breakfast and dinner every day. Enjoy the indoor pool, business center, and 24-hour fitness center.

The CAA room rate is \$209.00 (Thursday) and \$229.00 (Friday and Saturday), plus applicable taxes. **Please call the hotel's reservation department at (631) 941-2980 and mention Carriage Association of America block. Make your own hotel reservations.**

Check-in is 4:00 pm; Check-out is Noon.
Cut-off date for CAA room rate is **August 24, 2025.**

Getting to Stony Brook

By Air: The closest airport to Stony Brook is Long Island MacArthur Airport (ISP), and is serviced by Breeze, Frontier, JetBlue, and Southwest airlines. It is located in Islip and is approximately 16 miles from the hotel. *There is no hotel shuttle from the airport.*

By Rail: Stony Brook Station is located along the Long Island Rail Road, Port Jefferson line. From **Penn Station** in Manhattan, travel time is approximately one and one half hours.

Taxi service is available at Stony Brook Station, located on Route 25A.

By Car: Stony Brook is 1 to 1.5 hours drive from New York City via the Long Island Expressway.



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Planned Schedule

Thursday, October 9

- Arrive on your own to hotel
- Welcome Dinner at the hotel

Friday, October 10

- Visit the Long Island Museum with a Guided Tour of the Carriages (use your own car or the hotel shuttle)
- Lunch at the Long Island Museum
- Continue Visit to Long Island Museum including the storage sheds
- *Dinner on your own (and is available from the hotel)*



Saturday, October 11

- All day visit by private motorcoach starting from hotel
- Visit to the F. Ambrose Clark Stables
- Visit to the Sands Point Preserve Carriage Collection
- Ben's Kosher Deli Lunch Stop
- Visit award-winning automobile collection of Howard & Roz Kroplick. The collection includes a 1948 Tucker, Vanderbilt Cup 1906 Alco Racer, 1937 Chrysler Town Car, 1930 Duesenberg Model J, and many others.
- Evening pizza party at the hotel

Sunday, October 12

- Departure Day



REGISTRATION

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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

CAA Member? (Circle One) YES NO Is this your first time attending a CAA event? (Circle One) YES NO

Dietary Restrictions (if any)? _____

Registration for _____ people at \$285.00 per person = \$ _____

Registration includes:

- Welcome Dinner
- Visit to Long Island Museum in Stony Brook
- Friday Lunch
- Saturday Motorcoach and Visits to The F. Ambrose Clark Stables, Sands Point Preserve Carriage Collection and Visit to Howard & Roz Kroplick's automobile collection
- Deli Lunch on Saturday
- Pizza Party on Saturday Evening
- Accompanied by CAA Staff Member John Stallard

**Registration
Deadline:
September 9, 2025
or
until visit is
sold out.**

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Please consider becoming a visit sponsor:

Sponsorship Levels: \$50 \$100 \$250 \$ _____

I have enclosed a check, payable to the CAA, in the amount of \$ _____

Please charge \$ _____ to my credit card, Card No.: _____

Expiration: _____ Code: _____

Mail Registration Form and Payment to:

Carriage Association of America
4075 Iron Works Parkway
Building D, Lexington, KY 40511

Or Email/Fax Form and CC info to:

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