



Cavalier Chronicle

President's Message

It is once again the beginning of Spring. How do I know this? Because we turned the clocks back this weekend and that is supposed to mean that Spring is here. By looking out my window you would not know it. There is still a couple of feet of snow covering my back yard. My dog yard is a disaster no matter how hard I have tried to keep it just so. The dogs always look dirty, whether it is from wet melting snow or finding a small piece of dirt to dig in.

The glimmer of hope is that I see the little birds coming on my deck looking for dog hair to build their nests with. A huge flock of Robins spent an afternoon in my back yard looking for food. It was so cool to see so many in one place at one time.

And the biggest indication that Spring is here is that the Nationals are almost here. All of the hustle-bustle and planning for this great event is in the works. It is the 20th Anniversary of the ACKCSC and the show is going back to its roots. The venue is The Raddison Pennsylvania, Camp Hill PA.

There are some nice events going on including health clinics and seminars, and for the first time we are holding Agility competition along with Rally and Obedience. So nice for the performance people.

For more information check the www.ACKCSC.org website.

It would be great to have strong representation from our club as this will be the closest National to us for many years to come. If anyone can volunteer their time to help out at the National events, I think that you will find it fun and rewarding. It gives you a chance to meet other breeders and Cavalier people from across the Country, Canada and often times the UK, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. It is "The Spring Place To Be." Hope to see lots of you there.

Carol Rose, Karlee Cavaliers



General Meetings:

NOTE: NEW LOCATION:

Teal, Becker & Chiramonte CPA Office
7 Washington Square, Albany, NY 12203

Exact dates TBD

August meeting - 8/8 after the show in Ballston Spa
September meeting - 9/27 will be held at Sampson State Park during the Wine Country Circuit

Other important dates:

CKCSCNENY Specialty Show: August 7 - 9
Saratoga Fairgrounds, Ballston Spa

Annual Holiday Party & Meeting:

Saturday, 1/17/15 1:00PM - 5:00PM
The Vista at Van Patten Golf Club
924 Main St., Clifton Park, NY

GONE TO THE DOGS...

By Diane Zdrodowski (Evanlake Cavaliers)

You know how sometimes your friends tell you have “gone to the dogs?” Well, I have...literally...Gone To The Dogs! Camp Gone To The Dogs that is.

Sometime in the late 1990s, a Cavalier friend mentioned she was going to a “Camp” with her dogs. Seriously? I was intrigued. She said I should try it. Well, it took a year or



two, but I figured “how bad could it be?” I checked the internet; I checked with others. Ok, I’ll give it a shot. The first year I went I think was 1999. I took Bentley & Hannah, my two cooperative Cavaliers. Many others would follow year after year, two at a time. I’ve gone 8 times altogether.

Where to begin...The Camp brochure says something like “every fun thing you can do with your dog,” and they aren’t kidding. I appreciate the non-competitive environment since this, to me, is my VACATION! I am not interested in getting up at the crack of dawn, preening my dog and myself and putting on a smiley face to compete. There is something about Camp that is relaxing, even if you and your dog are learning new skills. Mostly I just make a fool out of myself, and that is just fine.

This is not necessarily a plug for the Camp per se. Every experience like this is what you make of it. Some years it has been sunny and hot, some years rainy and cold; you have to be prepared for anything, it’s Vermont after all. But, all things considered, if I want to go on vacation, this is where I want to go. I’m beyond the “bathing suit stage” so although the Caribbean or a cruise entices me, I can’t take my dogs, so what good is that?

Ok, so what do you do at Camp? I will give you a run-down of my typical day, but most people are more active

than me, and participate in more activities. I’m pretty middle of the road: I could do more, I could do less. You pay up front for the whole week and you do what you want.

The schedule is overwhelming. There are probably 50 choices of things you can do on any given day, so I bring a highlighter (seasoned camper that I am) and I sit down Sunday night and plot out my week. The price includes two dogs. You can bring more but that is an extra cost. I brought three my second year and found that it was a bit much. However, I did get two of them certified as TDI Therapy Dogs, so I guess it was worth it.

The Camp that I attend is held at Marlboro College after the students leave. You stay in the dorms, but this is a VERY rustic environment. I bring my coffee pot so I



can have a quiet cup by myself before I go to the dining hall. I never eat breakfast at home, I always do at camp. The food is fabulous and you really do need the energy for the day. Some classes start earlier but

I usually start at 8:00 with an agility class for an hour, back to room, get 2nd dog, walk both, put first back, take 2nd dog to puppy class (or something like that), I’m not rushing really, go back, get 1st dog, and walk to watch a class, just sit and relax, lunch, nap, 2 afternoon classes, dinner, lecture, bed. I’m usually down by 9:00! Of course every day is a little different, especially with some of the workshops during the day. Anyway, I really like that you can go or not go to a class and no one cares, other than are you ok?

So I guess at this point you’re wondering, what would my dog and I be interested in doing? This is the listing from the current brochure, in no particular order:

- Agility...all sizes beginner – advanced
- Reading your dogs body language
- Competition Obedience....beginner - advanced
- Tribball (Ok, I admit, I have no idea what this it!)
- Doggie Manners
- 101 Obedience in the Agility Ring

- Retrieve for all reasons
- Obedience & Prep for the CGC Test
- Really Reliable Recall
- Kindergarten Puppy Training (This is hilarious to watch)
- Lure Coursing
- Tricks & Games
- Scent Hurdling
- Jump Chute
- Doggie Square Dancing (low impact – my kinda class)
- Frisbee/K-9 Disc & Freestyle
- Tracking
- The Nose Knows
- Herding (as in sheep – yep they bring them to Camp)
- Doggie Swimming & Dock Diving
- Drill Team
- Competition Obedience Fundamentals
- Loose Leash Walking
- Heelwork, Staying Connected
- Conformation
- Scenting

Plus there are evening lectures, workshops like Tellington T Touch, Carting, Grooming, and just for fun classes like leash making, doggie costume party, way more than one person can do in a week with 2 dogs!

Seasoned campers know you have to pace yourself. Do things you enjoy, don't try to kill yourself. You should see all the dragging bodies by Thursday! LOL. The point is to try new things you might not even know existed, hang out with some great people who love their dogs as much as you do. Sleep like a rock and enjoy the beautiful Vermont scenery and clean fresh air...oh and there is shopping at the store and the Camp color is **PURPLE!!!** For more insight check out, <http://camp-gone-to-the-dogs.com>



ON THE ROAD

By Lynn Beman (Trisdonn Cavaliers)

I've done it, and I know better. You've done it, and you probably know better too. I bet the majority of pet owners and even some breeders and show dog owners do it too.

What am I talking about? Letting dogs ride loose in the car! Yes, it's a lot easier to just let your dog hop into the car than it is to secure him properly. We would never allow our precious kids or grandkids to ride without being secured in a car seat or adults ride without using a seatbelt. Our dogs should be safely secured in the car too— for a lot of the same reasons.

Loose dogs inside a moving vehicle can be a distraction to the driver. Distractions can lead to accidents. In an accident, an unsecured dog can be hurt or killed by being thrown around in the car or being ejected. Even if your dog isn't harmed, she could escape in the aftermath of the crash when emergency responders are trying to treat victims. In some states, emergency personnel have the right to not open a vehicle that has been in an accident if an unsecured dog is inside.

Crates keep your dog safe in your car. Crating your dog in the car protects everyone on the road. So many things can go wrong on the highway and that makes the use of a crate while traveling a no-brainer.

Seat-belt harnesses have become a popular safety option for dogs. Better than not being secured at all, they offer a dog little or no protection from flying debris and I had 2 dogs wiggle out of them with one of my dogs seriously pulling a muscle doing so. They also do not provide a safe place for the dog to stay while emergency personnel are working the scene. A hard-sided or wire crate is still a far better option.

You can't guarantee that you won't be in an accident. But you can reduce the risk of serious harm to your passengers, your dogs and yourself by not letting your dogs ride loose. If you love your dogs, secure them in crates while you're on the road. It's just that simple.

Adapted from an article by Dr. Karen Becker, Mercola Healthy Pets

Poison Alert - Kid's *Play-Doh*, especially the home-made kind is poisonous to dogs because of high salt content. Seek medical help immediately as this can be life threatening if untreated. Signs include; vomiting, diarrhea, inappetance, lethargy, walking drunk, abnormal fluid accumulation within the body, excessive thirst or urination.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

By Darlene Petralia (Karlee Gray Stone Cavaliers)

When Mary Pat and Lynn asked me to write a short article about choosing dog food(s), I thought “no problem, don't I know canine nutrition and didn't I learn from the best?”

Well, I did learn from the best - 25 years ago! That does not make me an expert now. So, I started doing some research, and called some of my friends who are still “in the biz.” Though the nutritional basics don't change, the manufacturers' approach and ingredients do.

I was surprised to learn that ethoxyquin (a potentially toxic additive used as a fat preservative) is still an issue. Virtually none of the premium pet food companies use it any longer. Unfortunately, some of the ingredients they use may add it at the source and it will not show up in the ingredient list.

In choosing your dogs' food, the customer service toll free number can be one of your best resources. This number can almost always be found on the dog food bag. If there isn't any number, ask one of the employees at your feed store if they have a number for that brand. If there isn't any way to speak with a representative, I probably would not buy that food.

So what to ask the customer rep?

1. Is ethoxyquin added to any of the ingredients before they reach the plant?
2. Is your meat or other protein source USDA inspected?
3. Where do your ingredients come from? (China would not be a good answer here)
4. Who actually owns the company (corporation, small company, family owned, etc.)?

There is a very good chance that the first person you talk to will not be able to answer these questions, so be persistent - ask to speak to someone who can answer them. Every food is only as good as its ingredients. The manufacturer should have no problem sharing that information with you.

Carol Rose and I have always fed a variety of foods, changing brands and rotating foods to take advantage of different ingredients. I was, therefore, very interested to find that Fromm foods has the same philosophy and actually makes it easy to change up your protein sources (without tummy upsets) with their “Stage Four Star” product line.

Premium pet food has come a long way and good choices

abound, especially in the specialty feed stores. Premium pet foods are also really big business, so it does take due diligence in investigating those that you are considering.

Read labels: the first five ingredients are the most important. Even if meat is the first ingredient, are the next four grains, or even vegetables? Is corn gluten meal one of those ingredients? That could indicate a poor source of meat protein. AAFCO oversees pet food production in the U.S. It states that a manufacturer must list internal organs as “by-products,” but backs and necks are listed as “meat.” Internal organs are a great source of digestible protein, while bone, collagen and connective tissue are not. Backs and necks are mostly bone, collagen, and connective tissue! Corn gluten meal will boost protein levels in a food needing that extra nick. It will also lower levels of ash content in cat food. Ash content tends to be high when protein sources are poor quality. Since feed manufacturers tend to use the same ingredients, in different proportions, in dog food and cat food, you can check their cat food bag for corn gluten meal. (Ash has been found to cause urinary issues in cats.). If it is in the first five ingredients the chances are great that their ingredients are not (great).

Also, does the feeding amount recommended seem in line with your dog's weight or does it seem like a lot? Compare with grocery store products which tend to recommend higher quantities of food per pound.

Recently, “grain free” has become the latest selling point for premium feed. This is not harmful per se, but if you read the ingredients, you will find a hefty amount of other ingredients that are not meat. There is NO reason to believe that peas, potatoes, tomatoes, etc. are any better or worse than rice, oatmeal or barley for example.

Fads come and go. In the end performance is your best barometer: How are stools? Coat? Activity? Are eyes bright? Does your dog hold good weight? If you are satisfied with your dog's overall condition, chances are you're feeding a good food.

There is a lot more that could be written regarding your dog's breakfast, lunch or dinner. Feeding raw is a subject unto itself. What you might add to your dog's diet is another, both from your own table and prepared additives. The internet is a good tool to further research canine nutrition, just remember that anyone can say anything there. “Bone Joor”

SPECIALTY SHOW Aug 7 - Aug 9, 2014 - Assistance Needed:

From the Auction and Hospitality Committees

You don't have to be showing a dog to attend our Specialty. Come for the afternoon or evening events. See some lovely Cavaliers. Register for the low-cost cardio and eye clinics to have your dogs checked. Socialize with our wonderful Club members. Support our auctions and take home a new treasure. And sign up to help....or just show up and we'll put you to work when something needs to be done.

From the Auction Committee: Spring is the time to start thinking about donating to our Specialty Auctions. On Saturday, August 9th, we will have our Gala Live Auction as well as a Silent Auction. Part of the proceeds go to support Cavalier Rescue. Items big and small are appreciated. We are hoping to have Cavalier and other dog-related items, non-dog items for the home or garden, jewelry, original art work and prints, hand-crafted things that you (or a friend) created, wines, gift certificates to popular stores or restaurants or cultural attractions. All are appreciated. Email Greta Smith at gretasmith@roadrunner.com and let her know what you can donate to help make our auctions even more special!

From the Hospitality Committee: We will be hosting a Welcome Wine & Cheese Party on Thursday evening, complimentary lunches on Friday and Saturday, as well as our catered "County Fair Picnic" on Saturday evening. There will be refreshments throughout the specialty. Volunteers are very much needed to help, especially with set-up and clean up! Please contact Norene Oehler at jozefjon4@yahoo.com to find out more or let her know that you will help!

RESCUE UPDATES:

Working with the ACKCS Rescue Trust, Traci and Lynn, co-Directors of the Trust's District 1 (New England and NYS), have fielded several phone calls from people who felt that for various reasons they needed to surrender their dogs. We have been successful in helping the distraught owners solve the problem and the dogs got to stay home. Recently, seven-year old "Peanut" was surrendered in Massachusetts. He has diabetes and his owners felt they could not care for him. Now in a temporary foster home, we are now looking for a longer-term foster home where "Peanut" can stay until he is ready for adoption. Ideally, we would love to place him with someone who has experience caring for a dog or cat with diabetes, but that is not mandatory.



Peanut

find themselves homeless, is one way to help Rescue. Donating to the Rescue Trust is another way and is easy to do online at their website: www.cavalierrescuetrust.org. Supporting our Club's fundraising auctions and raffles is another way to help. Because of member support, in the past year, CKCSCNENY has donated \$1,500 to the Trust. By the way, everyone working with the Rescue Trust is a volunteer.

The Rescue Trust is being reorganized to be more efficient. The 8 District Directors are now overseen by 3 Area Coordinators. The Eastern Area Coordinator is Lynn Beman who is now responsible for coordinating rescue efforts in the 4 Districts that are east of the Mississippi. The Trust is also creating new State Directors who will report to the District Directors. Hopefully, this will enable the volunteer field staff to more quickly respond to pleas for help. Finally, in January, Club member Diane Zdrodowski volunteered to be the District 2 Director (NJ, PA, DE). We may be a small club, but we are actively supporting the Rescue Trust.

For information regarding Cavalier Rescue, please contact: Lynn Beman, lbeman@HVC.rr.com (845-481-4390)
Traci Daoust, tdaoust@tbccpa.com (518-477-7207) or Sue Amon, cavmum@rochester.rr.com (585-617-4334)

MEMBERS PROFILE:

Mary Pat Brunson grew up in Pittsford, NY, a Rochester suburb, with her two older brothers. After 12 years of Catholic education, she attended Denison University in Granville, OH, receiving a BA in Psychology with a minor in Graphic Arts. She then attended Rochester Institute of Technology for graduate work in Printing Technology. For over 25 years she worked in Printing and Advertising venues. She says that while the work was fast paced, with ever changing technology, and albeit stressful, she loved it and what the Art Directors taught her and what her teams accomplished. She uses her talents and skills to produce the Club's newsletters, website, Specialty Welcome Bags, and any other design and printing needs.

Learning from her grandmother who was a wonderful seamstress, Mary Pat began sewing while still a young child, making a dress when she was about seven. She got the quilting bug years ago. Her first real quilt was a queen-size quilt with the traditional Amish broken star pattern with a gazillion pieces. Hand quilted, it took over a year to finish. When she bought her house, it needed of a lot of cosmetic work. She says she "painted every room, refinished the floors, re-tiled the bathroom, added many gardens and literally transformed the place. Those were the days when I had the physical ability to tackle anything I put my mind to."

Mary Pat has always loved dogs, especially energetic, happy-go-lucky ones with long coats. Her first dog of her own was an Irish Setter, Shamrock, whose antics were both amazing and amusing. Eleven years ago, she decided she wanted a smaller dog than the two English Springer Spaniels she then owned, a lap dog to cuddle with but not a little prima donna. That is when her love affair began with Cavaliers: "This breed was exactly what I wanted: happy go lucky with the spunk of the Spaniel."

She went to a local dog show and there was only one???? Cavalier entered. After much research, talking to breeders,

etc., she connected with a breeder in Canada. In March 2004, eight months after the search began, Cricket came into her home and opened up a whole new world for Mary Pat. She was thrilled when Cricket got her CGC title. They did some low-key visits to a local senior facility until Cricket found the fish tank and then her focus was all about the tank and not the residents.



Mary Pat got her second Cavalier, Cleveland, and with the help of his breeder and the guidance of Anne Knauss, she decided to try showing in Conformation and found that she really liked the experience. She and Anne took handling classes together locally and she took a seminar with George Alston through the Troy Kennel Club. She met Carol and Wes Rose, who were very supportive of a beginner and asked her to join this Club. She says she is so grateful that they did. After Cleveland received his Champion title, Carol offered her Gimlet as a potential show dog and possible brood bitch, promising to work with her.

Gimlet, who was our Club's first Grand Champion bitch, has had three wonderful litters and will now be retired from motherhood. Mary Pat said she is thankful to Donna Schuster, Carla Close and especially Carol for holding her hand via phone calls through the whelpings when it was just Gimlet and Mary Pat alone together bringing the puppies into the world. Hopefully Gimlet's daughters, Ivy and Trisket, will carry on in the future.





Did you know that dogs can see some colors? Recent studies have shown dogs see colors in a limited spectrum, much the same as people who are red-green colorblind.

WAITING AT THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

In remembrance of...



Woftam Corky

May 3, 1999 - February 20, 2014

John & Sue Amon

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1/1/2013-12/31/2013

INCOME	.....	.\$16,077.30
Membership	.....	\$1,070.00
Antlers	.....	\$646.00
Holiday Auction	.....	\$875.00
Specialty Show	.....	\$13,486.30
		(catalog sales, advertising, raffles, auction, t-shirt & antler sales, trophies, meals)
EXPENSES	.....	.\$14,424.54
Newsletters	.....	\$633.66
Insurance	.....	\$1,454.00
Office	.....	\$343.61
		(supplies, postage, dues, Square)
Website	.....	\$239.88
Donations	.....	\$2,200.00
		(Rescue Trust, other)
Specialty Show	.....	\$9,291.82
Misc..	.....	\$261.57
SURPLUS 2013	.....	\$ 1,652.76
Checkbook Balance 12/31/13:		\$15,188.36
		<i>Pat Hicks, Treasurer</i>

Paws up to welcome our new members:

Teresa Hansel, Westmoreland, NH
and
Michele Robinson Greig, Tivoli, NY

Our Club's last "Puppy Evaluation Party" was held at Carol Rose's home on 2/22/14 with more people and puppies in attendance than ever before. Traci Daoust brought the two youngsters from her November litter. Carol Rose had her litter of six 8-week old puppies and Mary Pat Brunson had her litter of four 7-week old puppies. Each puppy was evaluated for structure and show potential. This is also an opportunity for puppies to learn more socialization skills as they are gently passed around for people to hold.

The invitations for these "puppy parties" go out to all our members and everyone is welcome. This time Carol had also invited her committed buyers of Rizzo's litter, as well as others that are just starting to research if this breed is right for them. Our Club's Puppy Parties offer a great exchange of information for everyone, including breeders, pet owners and hopefuls. They are a chance to learn more about dog structure, to cuddle puppies and to drink in that sweet puppy breath.

As I walked around, the individual and small group conversations seemed to touch on everything: health care, training, feeding, exercise and activities like Obedience, Rally, Agility, Conformation as well as Therapy visits.

It's always a good time when we get together and we have many talented cooks that bring great food or great shoppers who know how to pick up yummy "people treats"! Come join in the fun when the next "puppy party" is posted on the Club email list. It's a great way to socialize with our members.



MY DOG IS MISSING:

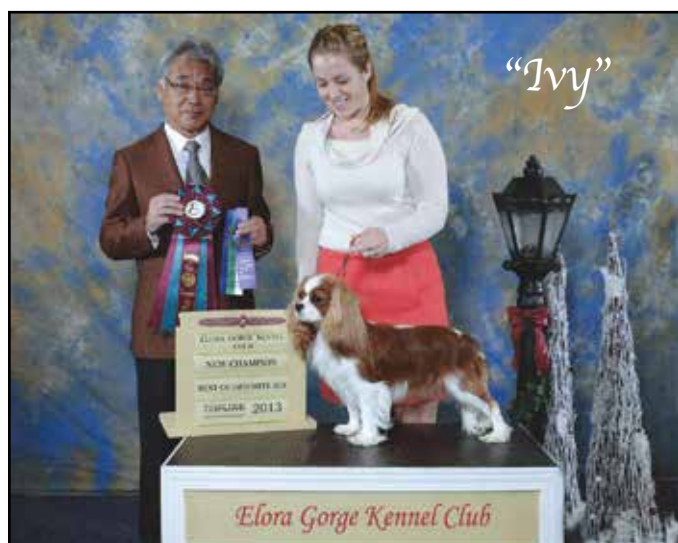
By Mary Pat Brunson (CobbHill Cavaliers)

This is something that we hope will never happen to us. Hopefully, you have micro-chipped your dog, registered the chip and have kept your data current. You should also have available a good (clear) photo of your pet readily available. Knowing what to do ahead of time might lessen your anxiety (panic?) a bit.

Canvas the neighborhood as soon as you discover the dog is missing. Ask neighbors to help with the search, some can go by car and others on foot. Those on foot should knock on doors in case the dog has been taken inside. Make sure everyone has their cell phones with them and your cell phone number. They should also have treats and a leash. Those kennel slip-leads are perfect. I keep one in my car just in case I find a lost dog.

Ask mail carriers, bus drivers, and delivery people to keep an eye out. Don't immediately assume that your pet has traveled far. Search underneath nearby porches, in basement window wells and sheds or open garages, under large bushes and other places a dog might hide or become trapped. Leave food and water in your yard, as well as something with a familiar scent (your sweaty t-shirt is perfect).

Print up fliers with the dog's picture (the one you've kept "just in case") and clear contact information. Mention that your dog is micro-chipped. Try to offer a significant monetary reward for the safe return of your dog.

NEW TITLES:

Amer GCH CH / Can CH CobbHill Golden Marguerite
(CH Peakdowns Huntley x GCH Karlee Gray Stone High Society)
Owners: Carol Rose and Mary Pat Brunson

While you are out searching, have someone call the local animal shelters, your town animal control dept., local vet offices. Distribute the fliers to all of these places as well. Contact the micro-chip organization and notify them that your dog is lost.

Use social media to your advantage. Post notices on Facebook, Twitter, etc. and ask people to share this information. This is proving to be a wonderful way for dogs to find their way home. Make sure the dog's last known location (neighborhood, city, state) is included in the posting.

In our region, there are some good Facebook resources: "Lost Pets of the Hudson Valley" and "Steve Caporizzo's Pet Connection." Nationally there is "Lost and Found Cavaliers."

Here are some websites that offer good information:

Missingpet.net/advice
Missingpetpartnership.org
Lostpetusa.net

THE FLIP SIDE

You found a lost dog? Contact your local Animal Control Dept., SPCA or Animal Shelter. They should be able to scan the dog for a micro-chip and also tell you whether someone has made a missing report. Post the found dog on the Facebook pages listed above, but hold back a piece of identifying information. Do the same if you spot a dog running loose and give the location spotted.



GCH CH Stellar Romancing the Stone at Tycwn
(GCH Karlee Peglen's Rumbuntious x Stellar Moonlight Romance)
Owner: Anne Knauss



Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club - NENY

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Traci Daoust

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CURATOR'S CURIOSITY CORNER



"KING CHARLES MATTERS"

Attributed to George William Horlor

(British, 1823-1895)

Oil on Canvas 24" x 29"

Photo courtesy Bonhams.

George W. Horlor is noted for his paintings of sporting and animal scenes and dog portraits which were popular during the Victorian era. Horlor's best work was done in a soft but detailed style ideally suited to depicting the expressions of dogs. This rather humorous portrait of two 19th-century spaniels "talking" to each other was recently sold at Bonhams NY for \$5,250. Note the military helmet in the background which represents the 17th-century English Civil War and the Cavalier supporters of King Charles II.