

THE RHODE ISLAND DRIVING CLUB, INC

AUGUST 2008 NEWSLETTER

<http://www.ridrivingclub.org>

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Past Meeting: The August meeting of the RIDC was held at Goddard Memorial State Park in Warwick, RI on August 9th at 1:00 PM after a lovely day of recreational driving in the park. Bill and Lauren Ostiguy were the hosts. There were 9 members present. There was no secretary's report. The treasurer reported a balance of \$5,539.08 with no income or expenditures since the previous report. The Vivian Creigh Clinic hosted by Bob Koopman broke even.

Rhode Island Carriage Days PDS: There are two work days scheduled for the pleasure show, one on Sunday August 24th and the other on Wednesday, August 27th at Celtic Cross Farm in Dudley, MA. Please contact Janice Meszoely for further information (508) 339-3628. Please note that there are a few errors in the show prizelist especially the listing of the dressage tests. If you are planning on entering the show, please enter from the ADS Omnibus listing. The correct dressage tests are listed there. Links to the Omnibus listing, the entry form, sponsorship forms and the volunteer schedule are all on the RIDC website under the "Rhode Island Carriage Days" link.

The Rhode Island Federation of Riding Clubs: Bill Ostiguy reported that the Rhode Island Bicentennial Conestoga wagon did make it into the Cumberland, RI July 4th parade pulled by a team of horses.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the RIDC will again be held at Goddard Memorial Park in Warwick, RI on September 13th (Rain date the 14th) at 1:00 PM, in conjunction with a recreational drive starting at 10:00 AM. It was felt that during the good weather, the club should make an effort to hold meetings in conjunction with some sort of driving activity. It was suggested that next year, the local parks be used for meetings giving members a chance to drive and socialize during the meetings. If you have a favorite park for driving, please step forward to host a drive for the club. Bill and Lauren Ostiguy will be on their way to Acadia Park in Maine for the next meeting, so the contact for the September meeting is Dottie Billington (401) 647-2262.

We are also looking for someone interested in becoming the newsletter editor. If you would like to volunteer for this position, contact Dottie Billington.

2008 Calendar of Upcoming Events

August

22 - 24 GMHA CDE, So. Woodstock, VT Contact: GMHA (802) 457-1509 <http://www.gmhainc.org>

24 RI Carriage Days Work Day, Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA

Contact: Andy Marcoux (508) 782-1720 or Janice Meszoely (508) 339-3628

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August (continued)

27 (Wednesday) RI Carriage Days Work Day & Workers Cookout, Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA
Contact: Andy Marcoux (508) 782-1720 or Janice Meszoely (508) 339-3628

30 - 31 Rhode Island Carriage Days Pleasure Driving Show, Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA
Contact: Andy Marcoux (508) 782-1720 <http://www.ridrivingclub.org/rhodeislandcarriagedays.html>

September

6 - 7 GMHA Fall Driving Classic, PDS, So Woodstock, VT
Contact: (802) 457-1509 <http://www.gmhainc.org>

9 7:30 Rhode Island Federation of Riding Clubs meeting,
West Greenwich Town Hall, West Greenwich, RI

13 (rain date 14) 10:00 Recreational Drive / 1:00 RIDC General Meeting at Goddard Memorial State
Park, Warwick, RI and lunch, please bring your own lunch Contact: Dottie Billington (401) 647-2262

13 Lenox Tub Parade, Lenox, MA

28 Mass Carriage & Driving Society Fall Trace Pace, Signal Rock Farm, Charlton, MA
Contact: Kate Bushman kate4055@yahoo.com

October

5 Akers Acres Horse Driving Trial, Valatie, NY
Contact: Barbara Akers or Saratoga Driving Assoc. (518) 755-3607

5 CT Valley Driving Club Ride/Drive Pace at Lord Creek Estate, Lyme, CT
Contact: <http://www.cvdriivingclub.com>

10 7:00 RIDC General Meeting, Business Meeting 7:30, Wrentham, MA

11 - 12 Tunbridge Vermont HDT, Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Tunbridge, VT
Contact: <http://www.hooved.org>

11 - 13 Berkshire Coaching Weekend

14 7:30 Rhode Island Federation of Riding Clubs meeting,
West Greenwich Town Hall, West Greenwich, RI

25 & 26 Halloween Drive with MCDS, Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA
Contact: Mug Tomany mtomany@sbcglobal.net & Kate Bushman

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November

11 7:30 Rhode Island Federation of Riding Clubs meeting,
West Greenwich Town Hall, West Greenwich, RI

15 (16, rain date) 10:00 AM Goddard Park Recreational Drive

1:00 RIDC General Meeting, BYO lunch and appointment of nominating committee for 2009 officers.
If you are interested in either being on the nominating committee or being an officer for 2009, please attend
this meeting or contact Dottie Billington (401) 647-2262

December

12 7:00 RIDC General Meeting, 7:30, Wrentham, MA Contact & RSVP: Cat Luce (508) 384-5190
Election of 2009 Officers

January 2009

10 Christmas Party - Details TBA

February

14 Saturday 10:00 Brunch RIDC General Meeting and Planning Meeting for 2009 Events
Details TBA at a later date.

September

13 - ? There has been some discussion about taking a trip to Acadia National Park in Maine this month.
Members would be responsible for making their own stabling and motel reservations.

It is hoped that in 2009 we can hold have some sort of driving activity each month. If there is something you
would particularly like to do or a place you would like to go please let the club know. Also, members are
needed to host meeting, drives, etc.