

THE RHODE ISLAND DRIVING CLUB, INC

DECEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

<http://www.ridridingclub.org>



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It's that time of year again when club membership dues are due. Memberships in the RIDC run from January 1 – December 31 of each year. All the RIDC memberships are family memberships, but each membership is only entitled to one vote at meetings. Dues for 2009 will remain \$25 which includes a subscription to the Horsemen's Yankee Pedlar. Per the RIDC By-laws, members who have not renewed by the end of February will be dropped from the membership list. A renewal form is attached at the end of the newsletter. Please fill in the form and mail it with your dues payment so we can update your information. You can also renew online from the RIDC website on the "Join Us" page. The updated membership list is online on the "Members Only" page.

Past Meeting: The November meeting at Goddard Park was cancelled to inclement weather. Even the rain date was rained out.

Next Meeting: The next meeting and final meeting for 2008 will be held on December 12 at 7:00 PM at the home of Cat and Darryl Luce, 135 East Street, Wrentham, MA, Business meeting 7:30 with election of 2009 RIDC Officers, vote to suspend the January meeting in lieu of the Christmas Party and a vote to hold the Craig Kellogg Clinic in June. Pot luck dinner so please bring a dish to share. Please RSVP Cat (508) 384-5190.

Nominating Committee: Janice Meszoely (508) 339-3628, Pat Musser (508) 278-6278 and Alison MacLeod (508) 883-8949 have been appointed to the Nominating Committee in charge of finding volunteers to serve on the 2009 RIDC Board. They have submitted the following list of nominees to be voted on at the December meeting: President: Donald Allaire; Vice President: John St. Cyr; Secretary: Alison MacLeod; Treasurer: Pat Hubbell; Board of Directors: Janice Meszoely, Andy Marcoux and Leona Anastasi.

Show Committee: Janice Meszoely has been appointed as Chairman of the 2009 Rhode Island Carriage Days PDS Committee. As Chairman, she will form a committee of members interested in the 2009 PDS. This committee will then organize their ideas for the show and present them to the general membership for approval. If you are interested in the show, please contact Janice (508) 339-3628. She prefers a call to e-mail.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

December

12 7:00 RIDC General Meeting, Business Meeting 7:30, Wrentham, MA Election of 2009 Officers

13 Wassail Parade, So Woodstock Center, VT Contact: <http://www.gmhainc.org>

14 GMHA Sleigh Rally, So Woodstock, VT Contact: <http://www.gmhainc.org>

16 6:00 PM Tack Auction, Danny's Auction Barn, Route 6, Foster, RI

17 7:00 Camara's Auction Barn Horse & Tack Sale, 1 Sears Road, Swansea, MA (508) 679-1030

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January 2009

- 3 GMHA Sleigh Rally Combined Test, AM Dressage & PM Cones, So. Woodstock, VT
- 10 6:00 PM RIDC 12th Night Party, Charles & Janice Meszoely, 158 So Main St., Mansfield, MA, Pot Luck Dinner & Dutch Auction, RSVP Janice Meszoely (508) 339-3628
- 11 Colonial Carriage & Driving Society Sleigh Rally, Orelton Farm, Stockbridge, MA
- 13 North East Ski Joring Race, 12:00 - 4:00 New London, NH
- 14 - 18 ADS Spring Board Meeting and USEF Meeting, Cincinnati Ohio
- 17 GMHA Sleigh Rally, So Woodstock, VT Contact: <http://www.gmhainc.org>
- 21 7:00 Camara's Auction Barn Horse & Tack Sale, 1 Sears Road, Swansea, MA (508) 679-1030
- 29 - 31 Carriage Association of America Learning Weekend, Weirsdale, FL Contact: <http://www.caaonline.com>
- 31 GMHA Sleigh Rally Combined Test, AM Dressage & PM Cones, So. Woodstock, VT

February 2009

- 7 GMHA Sleigh Rally, So. Woodstock, VT Contact: <http://www.gmhainc.org>
- 11 7:30 Moswansicut Riding & Driving Club General Meeting, No. Scituate Community House, RI
- 14 Saratoga Driving Association Get Ready for Spring! Mid Winter Driving Conference
- 14 - 15 North East Ski Joring Race, 12:00 - 4:00, Parlin Field Airport, Newport, NH
- 15 **TENTATIVE** RIDC Brunch and Planning Meeting for the 2009 Events Calendar
- 18 7:00 Camara's Auction Barn Horse & Tack Sale, 1 Sears Road, Swansea, MA (508) 679-1030
- 21 GMHA Sleigh Rally Combined Test, AM Dressage & PM Cones, So. Woodstock, VT

March 2009

- 11 7:30 Moswansicut Riding & Driving Club General Meeting, No. Scituate Community House, RI
- 13 7:00 PM, Business meeting 8:00 PM Coachman's Delight, 206 East Main Street, Milford, MA
RSVP Andy Marcoux (508) 782-1720 <http://www.coachmansdelight.com>
- 18 7:00 Camara's Auction Barn Horse & Tack Sale, 1 Sears Road, Swansea, MA (508) 679-1030
- 29 Rhode Island Federation of Riding Clubs Annual Flea Market, Details TBA

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April 2009

TBA Martin Auctioneers Spring Carriage Auction, Lebanon Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA

8 7:30 Moswansicut Riding & Driving Club General Meeting, No. Scituate Community House, RI

12 Sunday **TENTATIVE** Borderland State Park Recreational Drive

259 Massapoag Ave, North Easton, MA Details TBA <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/borderland>

15 7:00 Camara's Auction Barn Horse & Tack Sale, 1 Sears Road, Swansea, MA (508) 679-1030

26 RI Federation of Riding Clubs "Blessing of the Horses", LeGrand Reynolds Horsemen's Area, Escoheag Hill Road, Exeter, RI Donation \$5.00

May 2009 *May is National Carriage Driving Month*

9 - 10 GMHA DRIVING TWO-PHASE & ADT: Green Mountain Horse Association, South Woodstock, VT
Contact: Karey Manner, W: 802-457-1509, F: 802-457-4471

16 - 17 **TENTATIVE** Recreational Drive & Campout at Arcadia Wildlife Management Area, Escoheag Hill Road, Escoheag, RI Contact: Cat Luce (508) 384-5198 Details TBA.

20 7:00 Camara's Auction Barn Horse & Tack Sale, 1 Sears Road, Swansea, MA (508) 679-1030

June 2009

6 Connecticut Valley Driving Trial, HDT, Haddam Meadows State Park, Haddam, CT
Contact: Bill Lawson (860) 349-8745 <http://www.cvdriivingclub.com>

13 - 14 Eden Hill Pleasure Driving Show, Stockbridge, MA Contact: <http://www.colonialcarriage.org/>

17 7:00 Camara's Auction Barn Horse & Tack Sale, 1 Sears Road, Swansea, MA (508) 679-1030

17 - 20 Carriage Association of America Conference, Morven Park, Leesburg, VA <http://www.caaonline.com>

20 - 21 (pending club approval) RIDC Two-Day Carriage Driving Clinic with Craig Kellogg Details TBA
Mitchell Farm, 300 East Haddam Road (Route 82), Salem, CT

26 - 28 Bromont CDE, Bromont, Quebec, Canada

September 2009

5 - 6 Rhode Island Carriage Days Pleasure Driving Show, Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA

13 - ? Acadia National Park in Maine. Members would be responsible for making their own stabling and motel reservations. Bill & Lauren Ostiguy and Dottie Billington are going for sure. Stalls are \$25/ night; Accommodations are about \$100/ night. Camping is also available. It's lots of fun!

The Rhode Island Driving Club, Inc.

2009 New Membership & Renewal Mail-In Form



New _____

Renewal _____

Newsletter Preference:

E-mail _____

Paper UPS _____

Established in 1987 by a small group of carriage driving enthusiasts in Foster, RI, the RIDC has grown to over 70 family memberships primarily from MA, CT and RI. The club's mission is to promote the sport of carriage driving in its many forms. A general meeting is held on or close to the second Friday of each month along with other driving related activities.

Members participate in a variety of clinics, pleasure driving activities, competitions and recreational drives. We welcome new members, whether you are already driving or working towards getting started, Friesians to backyard pony, we have them all.

Annual dues are \$25 per year, which includes a one-year subscription to the Horsemen's Yankee Pedlar. All of our memberships are family memberships, but each membership is only entitled to one vote at meetings. New memberships receive a copy of the current RIDC By-laws, a membership list, newsletter and a club lapel pin. Membership lists are never rented or sold to third parties.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City or Town: _____ State & Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Do you receive the Horsemen's Yankee Pedlar from another club? (circle one) YES NO

Please print and mail this form along with a check made out to "RIDC" to:

The Rhode Island Driving Club, Inc, c/o Beverly Willard, 7 Rhodes St., Plainville, MA 02762

Memberships can also be renewed with a credit card on the Rhode Island Driving Club website:
<http://www.ridrivingclub.org> on the Join Us! Page

Date: _____