

THE RHODE ISLAND DRIVING CLUB, INC

February 2009 NEWSLETTER

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RIDC dues for 2009 are now due.. Members who have not renewed their memberships by the end of February will be dropped from the membership list. Membership form at the end of this newsletter.

Past Meeting:

At 10:30 am on Sunday, February 15th, the RIDC had a very well attended Brunch and Planning Meeting for the 2009 Events Calendar at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield, MA. The food was excellent with breakfast and lunch items and an "all you could eat" format. The club had two large tables next to each other for our 21 members present. We moved our chairs around to have a group meeting in the dining room.

President Don Allaire began the business meeting at 11:45am. Beverly Willard, Treasurer, reported that she had taken in \$1029.60 in dues and brunch payments (\$14.95 each) and our treasury balance was \$6009.30. There were some bills to pay out of that total.

Cat Luce announced that there will be a new 2009 Regional Championship for ADS events for New England. These will be year end awards based on points collected for placing at ADT's, CDE's, and HTT's. A Pleasure Driving year end award is in the planning stages.

The Massachusetts Driving and Carriage Society will host an Arena Driving Trial in Sutton, MA on April 26th at Cedar Brook Farm. Andy Marcoux will be the judge.

The Rhode Island Federation of Riding Clubs will have a Horseman's Bazaar on March 29th at the Metcalf Middle School in Exeter, RI. Used horse equipment will be for sale. They will have a Blessing of the Horses on April 26th at Escoheag in RI. The fee is \$5.00 per horse. Ridden horses gather in the ring, Bill Ostiguy said he stays out side of the ring with his carriage to avoid the congestion inside.

The Show Committee reported the new date for the Rhode Island Carriage Days Driving Show will be August 29th and 30th. The change was due to a conflict with another driving activity. ADS Officials will be Samea Baker from PA, Nancy Defabritis from NY and, Terry Bruno from MA. Day 1 will be the Horse Driving Trial with Dressage, Cones and Cross Country. It will be a real Marathon, not a "Pace." Day 2 will be the Pleasure Classes. More information on the show will be presented at the March 13th meeting.

The "Sponsors for the Show" subject was discussed. Janice Meszoely described a letter to be sent out to prospective sponsors, friends, and club members for donations. Examples could be Valley Vet, Dover Saddlery, etc.

Cat Luce suggested we have note cards made up with our club logo so we have them available for thank you notes and for remembering a member who has had a loss. The members present agreed with the plan.

The club is looking for a place in Central MA for a meeting or driving activity. Cat Luce suggested our club have an Events Planning Committee to plan the activities for the year. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The calendar of activities was reviewed.

John Frost has set up a drive for Borderlands State Park on Sunday, April 12th.

A Halloween Drive was suggested for late October.

A request was made for a drive at Colt State Park in Bristol, RI, possibly in September or October.

The meeting was closed at 12:10 pm.

Members present were Don and Kathy Allaire, Beth Francis, Bunny Lumb, Janice and Charles Meszoely, Bill and Lauren Ostiguy, Beverly Willard, Sheila Guimond, Paula Frassica, Cathy, Darryl and Aurora Luce, Henry and Virginia Tinkham, Mug Tomany, Pat Musser, Cindy Sauer, Joan Dirkson and Pat Hubbell.

Next Meeting:

March 13 7:00 PM, Pot Luck dinner, Business meeting, 8:00 PM Coachman's Delight, 206 East Main Street, Milford, MA RSVP Andy Marcoux (508) 782-1720 <http://www.coachmansdelight.com>

Announcements:

The RISPCA is working on a project to house large animals in a time of seizure or cruelty cases. They had a meeting on March 4th. If you are interested in participating in future activities, contact Julie Nadro at RISPCA 401-438-8150. From another message, this organization is low on funds and has been working to assist horses whose owners can no longer afford to feed or keep them. Donations to help with costs would be appreciated. If you would like to send them as a tax deductible donation, send them along to: RISPCA, 186 Amaral Street, Riverside, RI 02915. You can read more about it on: <http://www.rispca.com/> You can earmark your donation for "equines".

The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource is increasing its online communication efforts in their mission to preserve land where you can "ride, drive, race, compete, raise foals, and grow hay." They sent a notice to RIDC for members to contact them at director@elcr.org and give them your email address if you would like to learn more about their efforts. Their web site is www.ELCR.org, phone number is 859-455-8383.

A farrier has contacted RIDC to let us know about her business: Naturally Balanced Hoof Trimming by Elizabeth Francis, 40 years experience, Simple Trims and General Hoof Maintenance, Regular Scheduled Appointments, Multiple Farm Discounts, Call 508-759-2250

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009

March 2009

11 7:30 Moswansicut Riding & Driving Club General Meeting, No. Scituate Community House, RI

13 7:00 PM, **RIDC** Business meeting 8:00 PM Coachman's Delight, 206 East Main Street, Milford, MA
RSVP Andy Marcoux (508) 782-1720 <http://www.coachmansdelight.com>

15 Frostbite I ADT, [Carriage Barn Equestrian Center](#), Newton, NH(603)-378-0140

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, Metcalf Middle School, Exeter, RI, Details TBA The RISPCA will have a table there. If you would like to donate items for them to sell at their table, you can send them to Dot Billington and she will make sure they get them for the sale.

April 2009

5 Frostbite II ADT, [Carriage Barn Equestrian Center](#), Newton, NH (603)-378-0140

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

12 Sunday **RIDC** 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

19 Frostbite III ADT, [Carriage Barn Equestrian Center](#), Newton, NH (603)-378-0140

19 [CCDS Schooling Clinic](#) at Orelton Farm, Stockbridge, MA

24-25 Martin Auctioneers Spring Carriage Auction, Lebanon Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA (717) 354-6671

26 Massachusetts Driving and Carriage Society will host an Arena Driving Trial in Sutton, MA at Cedar Brook Farm

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*

3 RISPCA Trail Ride & Drive, 10:00 am, Goddard Park, Warwick, RI, Collect sponsors for fund raising to ride/drive, Rain date, May 9,

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

CHANGE! (16 - 17 Recreational Drive & Campout at Arcadia CHANGED TO MAY 30-31).

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

22 -24 CVMHA Open Horse Show, Driving division includes: Pleasure, Dressage, Cones, Combined Test, Super Reinsmanship, Town & Country. Plattsburgh, NY www.cvmhany.org

30 - 31 Recreational Drive & Campout at Arcadia Wildlife Management Area, Escoheag Hill Road, Escoheag, RI \$2.00 per night for camping, Contact: Cat Luce (508) 384-5198

Arrive Saturday morning anytime after 9am. Ride and drive all day if you wish on the great dirt roads.

Dinner Saturday night is a fireside pot luck and the same for breakfast on Sunday morning. Lunch—you are on you own.

Wake up Sunday morning, 10:30 drive all day with a picnic lunch or come back to camp and join other drivers at the picnic tables. If you want. This is a VERY LOW KEY event. Primitive camping - only one porta-pottie at the campground.

You must bring your own camping gear for you and your horse. Portable stalls, electric enclosure, picket line, whatever you like to keep your horse safe at night. "It is very dark there at night so bring flashlights! We used duct tape and glow sticks on our mares blanket last year so that we could find her in the dark if she got loose!" says organizer Cat Luce.

Horse Campsite includes fireplaces, picnic tables, well water (for horses only), pit toilets, horse show ring, and trails. Dogs allowed on leash. Please consider joining us for this fun event. RSVP please so we can inform the Management Area of our numbers. Contact catprints2@aol.com

June 2009

6 Connecticut Valley Driving Trial, HDT, Haddam Meadows State Park, Haddam, CT

Contact: Bill Lawson (860) 349-8745 <http://www.cvdrivingclub.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

July 2009

3 - 5 VT Morgan Heritage Days, Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Tunbridge, MA
Open Carriage Show on Sunday

TBA New England Morgan Horse Show, MA

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

18 - 19 Lorenzo Carriage Driving Competition, Cazenovia, NY

25 - 26 East Aurora Carriage Driving Show, NY

26 [CCDS](#) Fun Day at Orelton Farms, Stockbridge, MA

August 2009

NOTE CHANGE IN DATE BELOW FOR RIDC SHOW FROM SEPTEMBER TO AUGUST

29-30 **Rhode Island Carriage Days Driving Show**, Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA

September 2009

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!

TENATIVE RIDC drive, Sept or Oct: Colt State Park, Bristol, RI

October 2009

TENATIVE Halloween Drive at Celtic Cross Farm

The Rhode Island Driving Club, Inc.

2009 New Membership & Renewal Mail-In Form



New _____ Renewal _____

Newsletter Preference: E-mail _____ Paper USPS _____

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 Patricia Hubbell, 215 Everett Street, Wrentham, MA 02093

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: _____