

THE RHODE ISLAND DRIVING CLUB, INC

NOVEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

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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: As reported by Alison MacLeod: "RIDC Meeting 10/10/08, Ten members and one guest present, Treasurer's report – Beverly Willard \$7597.52 starting balance as of 9/13/08, Deposited \$1072.00, Paid out \$3822.13, Leaving balance of \$4871.36, Equisure insurance paid for \$1220.00, \$300 paid to the US treasury for 501(c)7 application. Most of the payments were for the show except for \$19.66 for newsletter expenses. The Show – in the hole \$286.20. Bev thinks all bills are paid. Barbara Pauli's check was lost - \$280.00. So far not found. Janice has all entries – will check to see if the missing check is there. Bev thinks Dottie has communicated with her about a replacement check. Problem of keeping track of expenses – in future, all expenses need receipts. Janice says everyone had a good time at the show – even though we didn't exactly make a killing. She expressed concern over the drop in participation in all local events. Don suggested we need to have the mechanics of the show run more smoothly".

Halloween Drive at Celtic Cross: Mug Tomany coordinated with Mass Carriage for The Halloween Fun Drive and reports "it was a great success. Even with the threat of bad weather we had 13 turnouts show up, from minis to green horses. Mike went out with one driver because she had a green horse and we wanted to keep everyone safe and happy. It was great to see Carolyn Lemoine and her horse Oppsie up north. They had a fun drive. Some people even drove the course twice! The course wound it's way through the woods and fields, even around some big round white bales of hay. We had a cones course set up, which many of the drivers used as a warm up. Then at lunch, we picked our poker hands and had three winners."

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. If you are interested in serving your club, please contact on of these members.

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.

2008 Show Report: Janice Meszoely reports: "22 competing turnouts came from as far away as Canada, NH, and NY to show under ADS Judges Samea Baker and Jeanne Northrup. The TD was Susan Koso and her husband

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Alex the scorer. Bill Lawson kept everything running smoothly as the announcer and once again Grace yaglou served as Ringmaster for the pleasure ring. On Saturday evening we were all well fed by our excellent steak chef, Don Allaire. After dinner, Grace yaglou entertained us with her hunting horn collection.

Novice Pony Champion: Leona Anastasi driving a Welsh Cob "Magic"

Novice Horse Champion: Joy Clark driving a Spanish Norman "Lady Abigail"

Open Pony Champion: Cindy Fletcher driving a Connemara "Greystones Adirondack A'Herne"

Open Horse Champion: Kris Ritter driving a Holsteiner

Multiples Champion: Janice Meszoely with her pair of Haflingers.

We enjoyed beautiful weather for the weekend and great food provided by the Sage family. The show committee would like to thank the great team of volunteers which was organized by Kim Denn. Also we would like to thank the generous sponsors and advertisers. All of whom make the show possible." Financially speaking, the show pretty much broke even.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the RIDC is November 15 with November 16 as the rain date, 11:00 AM Goddard Park Recreational Drive, 1:30 RIDC General Meeting, BYO lunch, contact Dottie Billington (401) 647-2262

Calendar of Upcoming Events

November

9 Continuous Driving Event, Brownsville, VT Entry form on RIDC website

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

12 7:30 Moswansicut Riding & Driving Club General Meeting, No Scituate, RI

13 - 16 Equine Affaire, West Springfield, MA

15 (16, rain date) 11:00 AM Goddard Park Recreational Drive, RIDC General Meeting, Business Meeting 1:30

18 6:00 PM Horse & Tack Auction, Danny's Auction Barn, Route 6, Foster, RI

19 7:00 Camara's Auction Barn Horse & Tack Sale, 1 Sears Road, Swansea, MA (508) 679-1030

December

10 7:30 Moswansicut Riding & Driving Club General Meeting, No Scituate, RI

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) 339-362
- 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

April 2009

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

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April 2009 continued

- 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

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.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

September 2009

- 5 - 6 Rhode Island Carriage Days Pleasure Driving Show, Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA Show Committee
Chairman: Janice Meszoely, (508) 339-3628
- 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. Acadia drive – anyone
interested needs to sign up on January 1. Stalls are \$25/ night; Accommodations are about \$100/ night. Camping
is also available. If anyone is interested, there will be a flier available. It's lots of fun!

The Rhode Island Driving Club, Inc.

2009 New Membership & Renewal Mail-In Form



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Renewal _____

Newsletter Preference:

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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: _____