

THE RHODE ISLAND DRIVING CLUB, INC

SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER

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Past Meetings:

Minutes of RIDC Meeting, MARCH 13, 2009, Coachman's Delight Store, Milford, MA.

The meeting began with pot luck dinner at 7:00 pm, followed by the business meeting at 8:15 pm led by the president, Don Allaire.

The Secretary's minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read, the club account has \$5978.16. Recent expenditures were for the Pedlar, the Brunch at the Holiday Inn, and to American Driving Society.

There will be a clean up on April 19th at 10:00 am at the Horseman's Area at Escoheague in Exeter, RI.

Carriage Driving Show update:

It was stressed that the need for obtaining Class Sponsorships is HUGE! Last year, there were 25 entries and 20 volunteers. Class Sponsorships are critical for the financial success of the show. Don Allaire said there would be a barbecue again on Saturday night. Possibly there will be a speaker at the dinner. Dr. Anderson from Norfolk County Agricultural School was mentioned as a possibility. Adrienne St Cyr spoke with the local EMT's, they charge \$35.00 an hour. Dr. Sanchez of Tufts Ambulatory Service in Woodstock, CT was also contacted. It would cost \$120.00 per hour for a vet to be there. The possibility of student vets from Tufts Veterinary School was mentioned. The ADS rules will be checked for the need for veterinary care on site or on call.

Web Site: The RIDC web site needs to be corrected on the wording "Labor Day" for the Carriage Show in August.

The Omnibus listing has been done. Andy Marcoux will contact ADS to ensure we take care of entry fee for the Omnibus. Janice Meszoely has the ribbons in and sorted. Andy will contact the VSE club of New England to invite them to the Show.

Beth Francis will link up with the Welch Club to attend.

The suggestion was made to send a note to the VSE club and the Welch club and the Friesian club and to contact the Pedlar.

Sponsorship forms were handed out and will also be on our RIDC web site.

Kate Bushman will contact Smart Pak and Dover Saddlery for sponsorships.

Other Subjects:

Cat Luce, at the last meeting, suggested we have an Activities Committee to plan the club activities, the following members will be on the committee. Pat Hubbell, Cat Luce, Kathy Allaire, Sarah Norris, Lauren Ostiguy, and Don Allaire.

Pat Hubbell will contact Prowse Farm in Canton for the availability of their trails for a recreational drive.

Ginny Hafpenny's Farm arena is available for a fee of \$200.00. There is a \$15.00 fee for an individual to use the indoor.

Andy Marcoux will be moving his business to a new location in Medway on July 31st.

There will be a coaching weekend in Newport, RI this year. Saturday, August 22 is the best day to watch. The web site is www.newportmansions.org. In the past, some RIDC members have met and watched together.

Sarah Norris said that Handi-Kids, a therapeutic riding and driving center in Bridgewater, MA, could host a meeting and have a tour of the facility.

The Foster 4-H Horse Club will have a show for the benefit of the RISPCA Large Animal Emergency Fund. It was moved by Cat Luce and seconded by Sarah Norris to sponsor a class for \$25.00.

The Massachusetts Carriage and Driving Society Arena Driving Trial scheduled for April 26th forms were handed out. A competitor can do the dressage test, receive their critique from the judge, and then repeat the dressage test.

Sixteen members attended the meeting with two prospective members.

The meeting was adjourned by Don Allaire at :9:30 pm.

The next meeting will be a recreational drive on April 12th at Borderlands State Park in No Easton, Ma at 10:00 am. When the drive was scheduled, it was not noticed that this was Easter Sunday. The club decided to hold the drive for those who would be able to attend. Thanks to John Frost for organizing the drive.

Attendees were Sarah Norris, Bill and Lauren Ostiguy, Beverly Willard, Don and Kathy Allaire, Cat and Darryl Luce, Bunny Lumb, Beth Francis, Cheryl Cox & husband, Adrienne St Cyr, Bonnie Jean, Andy Marcoux, Sheila Guimond, Jenna Post, Moe Fiola, Danielle Smith and Pat Hubbell.

Minutes of the RIDC Meeting, May 17, 2009, Don & Kathy Allaire's Barn

The RIDC May meeting was held at Kathy and Don Allaire's new, spacious barn at 13 Stone Road, Millbury, MA, beginning with a potluck and barbecue at 1:00 pm on May 17, 2008. The barn is still under construction, with finish work remaining, giving all attendees a great view of the framing and design. The house is also under construction so the Allaire's are still living at their old place a few miles away.

The meeting was called to order by President Don Allaire at 2:30 pm. The minutes of the March meeting were read and accepted. The Treasurer's report listed a balance of \$5974.15. Recent checks were written for a donation to the RISPCA for their Large Animal Emergency Fund, to the ADS for the Omnibus listing for our Aug carriage driving show, to the Pedlar for subscriptions, and for postage. New memberships have brought in \$75.00.

Clay Maier, a well known trainer, will be at Adrienne & John St Cy's for two weeks working with their pair from May 20-June 2. Club members wishing to have a training session should contact Adrienne at 508-943-

9709. From the web: "Known in the horse world for The Friesian Spectacular, Clay Maier trains his performance horses and teaches clinics on long reining and carriage driving."

Bill Ostiguy reported that 55 horses attended the Blessing of the Horses sponsored by the RI Federation. The Poop De Doop ride (riders only) is coming up on June 26th at Escoheague in RI to support the porta potty. The members present voted that we send \$75.00 to the RI Federation of Riding Clubs to support their projects.

A new member, Louis Vinagro, from Johnston, RI, brought up an issue he is having with driving a horse drawn vehicle on the city roads. Members suggested that localities can enact ordinances that are different from the state regulations and it was recommended that he retain a lawyer familiar with equine law to identify the regulations that apply in his town and state on the legality of horse drawn vehicles on their roadways. Pat Hubbell will provide information on locating a lawyer familiar with equine law.

Don Allaire brought up the Craig Kellogg Clinic which was to be held on June 21-22 at Mitchell Farm in Salem, CT. The RIDC will not participate unless there are enough drivers. Possibly it will be for only one day. Contact Dottie Billington at (401)647-2262 or email at dottiebillingtonon for additional information. Sign up sheet at the end of this newsletter.

Dianne Koopman will be joining the Recreational Activities Committee to plan pleasure drives for the club.

There will be a two day pleasure drive and camping trip on the last weekend in May at Escoheague in CT. There will be pot luck dinner on Saturday night and pot luck breakfast/brunch on Sunday. Contact Cat Luce at 508-384-5190 or catprints2@aol.com for more information.

The club is planning to have a driving clinic with Sarah Schmitt, for two days with 16 slots at the Koopman's in Northbridge, MA. Bob will have cones set up, dressage area, and can include ridden dressage and driving. Sarah is an accomplished ridden dressage trainer and judge as well as driving trainer and competitor at a high level. She can help those just starting out and those who wish to polish their skills. Club members who know her were enthusiastic about having her come for a clinic. Andy Marcoux and Bob Koopman highly recommended her for any level. Date TBD. Contact Bob Koopman for additional information. Bob is at 508-234-3234.

SHOW PLANNING PROGRESS:

The Show Committee for Aug 29 & 30 Rhode Island Carriage Days reported the following:

Show Manager:	Andy Marcoux
Announcer:	Bill Lawson
Ring Steward:	Nancy Lawson
Scorer:	TBD
TD:	Nancy DeFabritis & Terry Bruno
Judge:	Samea Baker
Course Design:	Andy Marcoux
Day Secretary:	Eleanor and Imra Toth
Cook:	TBD

Kathy Allaire will check on EMT availability. The plan is to have them on site for the 2-3 hours of the marathon, and to be on call for the rest of the weekend.

Entries will open on July 1st. The goal is to have 20-30 entries

All club members need to help by providing Sponsors for the show. The Sponsor Form is on the club web site. Last year we had over \$600 in sponsorships. It would be good to have more this year.

Cat Luce needs volunteers for MANY jobs for the show. Think about your friends who are horse lovers who may not be carriage drivers as a possible source. Please contact Cat at 508-384-5190 or catprints2@aol.com

There will be a workday August 16th at John and Adrienne St Cyr's Celtic Cross Farm in Dudley, MA, for club members for brush trimming and general preparations, etc. More information will follow on specific tasks. This is a great way for new members to get acquainted with others in the club! Pot Luck lunch.

Volunteers are needed for Thursday and Friday, Aug 27 & 28, for setting up for the show. Dressage ring, obstacles, cones. This is a good way to "understand" how courses are set up. Great for new drivers...

Need a volunteer to set up a wine and cheese table for Friday night, Aug 28th for early arrivals.

There will be a barbecue on the Saturday night of the show. Don Allaire will cook, but he needs someone to volunteer to set up for the barbecue and to clean up after.

Need a volunteer to set up and run the silent auction on Saturday night. Club members can bring items for the Silent Auction on Saturday.

Don Allaire requested the Show Committee work with the Treasurer to come up with a sheet of anticipated expenses for the show for out of pocket expenses.

The next meeting of the RICD will be announced by Don Allaire by email.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Past Activity:

Rhode Island Driving Club Easter Morning Pleasure Drive, Sunday, April 12, 2009

A group of RIDC members met at Borderland Park on Easter morning in North Easton, MA, for a pleasure drive. The weather was cool but sunny. John Frost and his wife led the group with their standardbred. The group included riders and drivers, and two eager minis. Beverly Willard and Dot Billington rode and the others drove. Virginia Buettel and her daughter brought their minis. Sheila Guimond drove Brandon, her Saddlebred. Bill and Lauren Ostiguy drove Thor. Thor lost an easy boot which was recovered after a short search. After the drive, Dot served tea from her new "live in" trailer. No official club meeting was held due to the small group of members present. Many members had other obligations that day as it was Easter, a complication not noticed when the drive was initially scheduled.

Next Meeting: Don Allaire will notify members of the next meeting by email.

Announcements:

May 30th: Come to the campout for this Saturday night dinner, even if you will not be driving. Good way for new members to meet other club members. Bring a dish to share for pot luck.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009

May 2009

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

19 Carriage Barn Equestrian Center, Summer Series Driving Trial #1 Divisions for Training, Preliminary and Advanced with a special mini division open to all VSEs. 603-378-0140 or www.carriage-barn.com

20-22 Carriage Barn Equestrian Center, Adult Driving Clinic. Three full days of driving instruction, either with your horse or one of the Carriage Barn's. 603-378-0140 or www.carriage-barn.com

25 - 26 East Aurora Carriage Driving Show, NY

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

August 2009

16 RIDC Work day at John & Adrienne St Cyr's Celtic Cross Farm in Dudley, MA to prepare for the driving show. This is a great way for new members to meet other club members and to share information about carriage driving.

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

29-30 **RIDC: 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

6-11 National Drive at Kentucky Horse Park More information at www.nationaldrive.net *Note that next year, the 2010 National Drive will be at Hoosier Horse Park near Indianapolis, IN on Sept 13-19. The change is due to the World Equestrian Games coming to Kentucky Horse Park in 2010.

TBD-TENATIVE Halloween Drive at Celtic Cross Farm

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR SIGNING UP FOR CRAIG KELLOGG CLINIC ON JUNE 21-22 in Salem, CT

The Rhode Island Driving Club, Inc.

DRIVING CLINIC WITH CRAIG KELLOGG



JUNE 21 – 22, 2009

MITCHELL FARM, 300 EAST HADDAM ROAD (ROUTE 82), SALEM, CT

Drivers will enjoy these 50-minute lessons with Craig Kellogg of Southern Pines, NC. One of the premier carriage driving clinicians in the United States, Craig Kellogg has been driving since he was a child and can instruct single, pair and four-in-hand drivers. His lessons are both informative and entertaining and will be enjoyed both by the beginner and the advanced carriage driver.

There will be eight lessons offered each day (for a total of 16) beginning at 8:00 AM. Each lesson costs \$50 for RIDC members and \$60 for non-members. Please bring your own lunch and auditors are welcome. There may be no sound system for this clinic, but questions may be answered during the noon lunch break.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Telephone with area code: _____

E-mail: _____

Saturday: (time preferred) _____

Sunday: (time preferred) _____

Please send this entry along with payment made out to: RIDC to:

Dorothy A. Billington, 7B Shippee Schoolhouse Road, Foster, RI 02825

For more information contact: Dottie Billington (401) 647-2262 or dottiebillington@gmail.com