

THE RHODE ISLAND DRIVING CLUB, INC

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RIDC dues for 2009 are now due. A renewal form is included in this newsletter. Members who do not renew their memberships by the end of February will be dropped from the membership list.

Past Meeting:

Snow, snow and more snow....if you have a way to pack it down, great weather for sleighing!

The Twelfth Night Holiday Party in January went on regardless of the threat of several inches of snow. The food, as usual, was delicious, and most of the attendees came from quite a distance including from Buzzards Bay, Boylston, Monson and N. Kingstown, RI. The snow did not start until we were through dinner and well into the Dutch auction. Some really nice items were donated including several sets of horse brasses mounted on leather straps, a collection of driving bits, a dressage saddle pad, pony long lines and Hungarian wine. Kate Bushman kept the records for the bidding.

During the dinner, we learned a lot about equine Lyme disease from Bunny Lumb who has lost two from it. She has a new horse now that she boards in a location away from the woods and drives around cranberry bogs to avoid the high tick population in the woods around Buzzards Bay. Beth Francis, a prospective new member, came with Bunny. She brought photos of the Welch Cob stallion she shares with her daughter who does dressage. Beth is having fun driving him and reported that he has sired some nice foals with more expected. Henry Tinkham had some good horse stories he shared. Either his memory is better than most or he has gotten himself into more unique situations with his horse adventures. He and Virginia reported that there was good sleighing at the Wrentham Developmental Center (that was before the last three snowstorms). It was mentioned that the Driving Forum, our springtime "high" on everything driving related, will not be held this year, but will be scheduled for 2010 as an "every-other-year" event. Attendees, in addition to hosts Janice and Charles Meszoely were Henry and Virginia Tinkham, Bunny Lumb and guest Beth Francis, Kate Bushman and Kevin Smith, Carol Carpenter and David Chamberlain, Bill and Lauren Ostiguy and Pat Hubbell. All headed home by about 8:30 pm before the snow began to accumulate.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is a Sunday brunch on Feb 15th at 10:30 am. At the Mansfield, MA Holiday Inn. This is very close to the intersection of Interstates 95 and 495 so should be an easy commute for most. The cost is \$14.95 per person. Send a check made out to RIDC to Bev Willard at 7 Rhodes Street, Plainville, MA. 02762, bwillard7@comcast.net for the brunch.

News from Members:

Adrienne St Cyr has a new horse, Tucker, a 4 year old Clyde/Saddlebred cross to be a wheeler in the four bays. He is replacing JD who is now with Peter Von Halem to perhaps be a leader.

Diana Harrison of Middletown, RI, has purchased a 15h, 6 year old Haflinger she found in the Steed Read from N. Situate. He is green but has now been to Carriage Barn where they loved him. She is in the market for a harness, cart and trailer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009

January 2009

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 **RIDC** Brunch and Planning Meeting for the 2009 Events Calendar, Mansfield, MA Holiday Inn

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

28 10:00am Wilbraham Sleigh Rally at Spec Pond. Wilbraham, MA (413)-244-4934 or (860) 376-8110

March 2009

1 Frostbite Arena Driving Trial Series begins, Carriage Barn Equestrian Center in Newton, NH (603) 378-0140 (Other dates are March 15, April 5, April 19)

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>

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

April 2009

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

12 Sunday **RIDC 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

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

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 **RIDC 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 **RIDC** (pending club approval) 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 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/oBeverly Willard, 7 Rhodes Street, Plainville, MA 02762

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

Date: _____