

RIDC HARNESS & CARRIAGE FITTING CLINIC
RIDC 'GATOR TRAINING CLINIC
Saturday, June 14, 2008
7B Shippee Schoolhouse Road, Foster, RI 02825

The Rhode Island Driving Club Invites
The Cornerstone Crew and the 4-H

The Rhode Island Driving Club invites Beth Stone, the Cornerstone Crew and the 4-H members to a two-part carriage driving clinic on June 14, 2008. This will be a people only clinic with no horses brought by the participants. Cat Luce will be bringing her volunteer pony "Cory" who will be our demo horse for the day. There is no charge to participate, but there is a potluck lunch from 12:00 – 1:00 if you would like to bring a dish.

Schedule:

10:00 – 12:00 Clinic with harness fitting and carriage fitting. Learn how a harness should fit a horse and what size carriage is appropriate for that horse. Various harnesses will be tried on our volunteer horse and various carts and carriages will be available for inspection. Learn what fits and what does not fit and which harness goes with which carriage. All questions will be gladly answered.

12:00 – 1:00 Pot luck lunch with hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring a dish if you like or a bag of chips, your choice. Soft drinks will be available. Short general meeting of the Rhode Island Driving Club during lunch.

1:00 – 3:00 Clinic for new combined driving navigators and drivers. Learn how the sport of combined driving really works. What the heck is a green card? What are the parts of a marathon and what on earth is that navigator for? Volunteer horse "Cory" and his driver and navigator will drive a mock combined driving course. Again all questions will be answered.

Come and join the Rhode Island Driving Club for a fun day in Foster.

Directions: route 6 to the state line with Connecticut. Shippee Schoolhouse Road is one of the last streets in Rhode Island across the street from the State Line Diner. Drive into Shippee Schoolhouse Road approximately 2.3 miles and look for telephone pole #7. Turn into the dirt driveway next to the pole and to all the way to the end.

For more information or to RSVP contact: Dottie Billington (401) 647-2262 or
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JUNE NEWSLETTER

<http://www.ridridingclub.org>

June 4, 2008

Past Meeting: The May 20th meeting of the RIDC was held at Peter von Halem's home at New England Carriage Imports in Bozrah, CT. 15 members were in attendance. This meeting was held in conjunction with the Eastern Connecticut Draft Horse Association. There was no secretary's report. Treasurer Beverly Willard reported a balance in the RIDC treasury of \$5,957.30. This report was accepted as read.

Rhode Island Carriage Days PDS: There were no show committee members present to report.

The Rhode Island Federation of Riding Clubs: The Bazaar was successful with all tables sold out along with the strawberry stuffed French toast. Clean-up at the LeGrand Reynolds Horsemen's Area was postponed due to weather, but a few souls showed up any way and cleaned up the outhouse. The following weekend a crew arrived to stain the fence and clean up around the campsites. A good group showed up for the Blessing of the Horses later in the month. The Poop Dee Doop Number Two Ride is coming up on June 29. It is NEHT affiliated and will be at the horsemen's area in Escoheag. Drivers are welcome. A flyer for the ride can be found at <http://www.orgsites.com/ri/rifrc>. The proceeds from this ride will go towards the outhouse expenses, hence the name, Poop Dee Doop, Number Two. If you are interested in the RIDART – Rhode Island Disaster Animal Response Team check out their website at: <http://www.orgsites.com/ri/ridart>. There is lots of information about disaster planning there.

Next Meeting: The next RIDC meeting will be held at Dottie & Ken Billington's farm in Foster, RI. See the attached flyer for details.

Two Phase Event/Clinic on July 5: Bob Koopman will run a two-phase combined driving event /clinic at his farm on July 5th. Vivian Creigh of Vermont will be the judge. The entry fee is \$30. Three dressage tests will be offered, Training 2, Preliminary 2 and Intermediate 4. Participants will drive their chosen test, receive a critique and then drive the test again. Beverly Willard has offered to scribe, but if someone else is also interested, a split day might be better. A cones course will also be set up for participants to drive after their dressage. The cones course will be judged. The event/clinic will be limited to 20 participants. There will also be a club general meeting there that day from 12:00 to 1:00 with "Burger Bob" cooking hotdogs and hamburgs. Club members are asked to bring potluck sides. Entries will open on May 9, 2008 on a first / come first served basis. Entry forms are available on the RIDC website.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

JUNE

- 10 7:30 Rhode Island Federation of Riding Clubs meeting, West Greenwich Town Hall, West Greenwich, RI
- 14 Saturday 10:00 AM RIDC Harness Fitting & Gator Training, Foster, RI
- 14 Saturday 12:00 Noon RIDC General Meeting & Cookout Lunch, Foster, RI
- 15 GMHA 25 Mile Competitive Trail Drive, So. Woodstock, VT Contact: GMHA (802) 457-1509 www.gmhainc.org
- 21 - 22 Orelton Farm, Eden Hill 10th Annual ADS PDS, Stockbridge, MA
Contact: Laurence Williamson (603) 835-2662 lwilliamson108@aol.com
- 27 - 29 Bromont International Driving CDE (T, P & FEI Advanced), Bromont, Quebec, Canada
Contact: Michel Lapierre (819) 478-1411 info@internaionalbromont.org

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JUNE (continued)

- 28 Susquehanna Valley Whips and Wheels PDS, Hughesville, PA
Contact: Tina Cornell (570) 784-4793
- 29 West Newbury Riding & Driving Club Show (driving division), West Newbury, MA
Contact: <http://www.wnrdc.com> for entry form and class list
- 29 Susquehanna Valley Whips and Wheels Sporting Day of Traditional Driving, Hughesville, PA
Contact: Tina Cornell (570) 784-4793

JULY

- 4 - 6 Maine Morgan Horse Show, Showhegan, ME (driving division) Contact: Pauline Richards (207) 626-0111
- 4 - 6 Maine Morgan Horse Show, Deerfield Fairgrounds, Deerfield, NH
Contact: (carriage division) Janine Hawkins (207) 255-6250 littleoad@midmaine.com
- 4 - 6 VT Morgan Heritage Days, Tunbridge, VT Contact: <http://www.vtmorganheritagedays.org> for class list
- 5 (Saturday) 2 Phase Driving Event & Clinic with Vivian Creigh, Northbridge, MA \$30 per participant,
12:00 - 1:00 PM General Meeting & Cookout by "Burger Bob" Koopman, Northbridge, MA
- 12 6th Annual Carriage Auction & Lobster Bake, Skyline Farm Carriage Museum, North Yarmouth, ME
Contact: Greg Cuffey (207) 894-5134
- 12 - 13 CAA Conference, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY Contact: <http://www.caaonline.com>
- 12 - 13 GMHA 25/25/50 Mile Competitive Trail Drive, So. Woodstock, VT Contact: GMHA (802) 457-1509 www.gmhainc.org
- 13 ECDHA Draft Horse Show, North Stonington Fairgrounds, North Stonington, CT Contact: Gary Kincaid (860) 535-1614
- 13 Waldingfield HDT (T, P & I), Ipswich, MA Contact: Holly Pulsifer (978) 356-3655
- 14 - 18 Kids Driving Clinic #1 at the Carriage Barn, Newtown, NH
Contact: Carriage Barn (603) 378-0140 carriage-barn@comcast.net
- 19 - 20 Lorenzo Driving Competition (PDS), Cazenovia, NY Contact: <http://www.lorenzodriving.com>
- 20 SPHO Pleasure Driving Show, Hollis, ME Contact: Ansley Newton (207) 688-4419 or anewton@maine.rr.com
- 20 - 26 New England Morgan Horse Show, (carriage division) Northhampton, MA Contact: <http://www.nemha.com>
- 21 - 25 Kids Driving Clinic #2 at the Carriage Barn, Newtown, NH
Contact: Carriage Barn (603) 378-0140 carriage-barn@comcast.net
- 26 - 27 32nd Annual East Aurora Carriage Drive & Competition (PDS), NY Contact: <http://www.eastauroradrivingsociety.org>
- 26 - 27 Chapter One Farms Summer Pleasure & Dressage Show, Pedricktown, NJ Contact: <http://www.chapteronefarms.com>
- 27 4-H Draft Horse Show, North Stonington Fairgrounds, North Stonington, CT Contact: Doug Smith (860) 546-1079
- 27 Summer Arena Driving Trial at the Carriage Barn, Newton, NH
Contact: Carriage Barn (603) 378-0140 carriage-barn@comcast.net
- 28 - 30 Adult Driving Camp at the Carriage Barn, Newton, NH

AUGUST

- 1 - 3 ADS Weekend of Driving for Pleasure at Fair Hill, MD Contact: Danute Bright (717) 246-2351
- 2 - 3 Saratoga Carriage Classic (PDS), Richmond, MA
Contact: Laurence Williamson (603) 835-2662 laurence.williamson@saratogadriving.com
- 8 - 10 Wagon Train, Andover, NH Contact: Bob Jackman (603) 735-4137
- 12 - 16 Massachusetts Morgan Horse Show, West Springfield, MA
Contact: Peter Webster (413) 283-5593
- 13 - 17 Walnut Hill Carriage Driving Competition (PDS) Pittsford, NY
Contact: Bill Remley <http://www.walnuthillfarm.com>
- 22 - 24 GMHA CDE, (T, P & I) South Woodstock, VT
Contact: Karey Manner (802) 457-4471 kmanner@gmhainc.org

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AUGUST (continued)

- 24 My Lady's Manor Horse HDT, (T, P & I), New Freedom, PA
Contact: Anne Councill (717) 993-8956 birchhollow_anne@verizon.net
- 26 Halloween Classic (PDS) at the Carriage Barn, Newtown, NH
Contact: Carriage Barn (603) 378-0140 carriage-barn@comcast.net
- 30 - 31 Rhode Island Carriage Days (PDS), Dudley, MA
Contact: Andy Marcoux (508) 782-1720 andy@coachmansdelight.com

SEPTEMBER

- 3 - 7 GSHA Newbury Pleasure & Draft Ride & Drive, Play & Feast, So. Newbury, NH Contact: Linda Woodbury (603) 938-5935
- 5 - 7 CAI-B Laurels at Landhope CDE International, (P, I & A) Contact: James O'Rourke laurelslandhope@aol.com
- 6 - 7 GMHA Fall Driving Classic (PDS), So Woodstock, VT Contact: Karey Manner (802) 457-4471 kmanner@gmhainc.org
- 7 Barneveld Driving Show, Barneveld, NY Contact: Betty Jones (315) 896-2463
- 12 - 28 Eastern States Exposition, (various horse shows included) West Springfield, MA Contact: <http://www.thebig.com>
- 13 Morgan Mile Trotting Races a Historical Event, Brookfield, VT Contact: <http://www.morganmile.com/race.html>
- 13 Lenox Tub Parade, Lenox, MA Contact: Colonial Carriage & Driving Society, MA

Rhode Island Carriage Days Pleasure Driving Show

Become A Driving Show Volunteer

August 28 – September 1, 2008

Volunteers are vitally important to the success of the Rhode Island Carriage Days. Volunteers from all backgrounds of experience are appreciated with no experience required. Horse experience is not a requirement and we welcome help in all areas of the show. Volunteering is a great way to meet people, develop your driving skills and just have a great day with your family and friends!

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| Thursday, August 28 | <input type="checkbox"/> General Setup | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> AM | <input type="checkbox"/> PM | <input type="checkbox"/> All Day |
| Friday, August 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> General Setup | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> AM | <input type="checkbox"/> PM | <input type="checkbox"/> All Day |
| Saturday, August 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Cones | <input type="checkbox"/> Ring | <input type="checkbox"/> Dressage | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> AM | <input type="checkbox"/> PM | <input type="checkbox"/> All Day |
| Sunday, August 31 | <input type="checkbox"/> Marathon | <input type="checkbox"/> Cones | <input type="checkbox"/> Ring | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> AM | <input type="checkbox"/> PM | <input type="checkbox"/> All Day |
| Monday, September 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleanup Grounds | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> AM | <input type="checkbox"/> PM | <input type="checkbox"/> All Day |

Volunteer Positions:

- Parking:** Directing traffic, monitoring parking
- Office:** Scorers, Data Entry
- Presentation:** Scribe, Wheel Measurer
- Dressage:** Scribes, Gate Attendant, Score Runner
- Cones:** Gate Attendant, Timers, Cone setters, Scribe, Score Runner
- Marathon:** Safety Check, Hazard Judges & Timers, Road Crossing, Score Runners

PLEASE BRING A HAT, LAWN CHAIR, SUNSCREEN AND RAIN GEAR
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Volunteer Coordinator

Kim Denn, 217 Federal Hill Road, Millbury, MA 01527, kimandmo@charter.net (774) 276-1721