

Reddington Rock

Riding Club

MAY 2019

Upcoming Events

MAY 5, 2019

BLESSING OF THE MOUNTS

MAY 8, 2019

MEETING AT 7PM CAMP GLAZIER

MAY 19, 2019

STRIDERS RACE AT CAMP



The Trail Rider

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

Couple of things we are planning that are not on the current calendar. We will be joining in the Memorial Parade in Stafford this year. We need participants and enthusiasm to show Stafford what we are all about. Please contact Sam, Dave or Marley for details. The number of participants needs to be known so coordination efforts can be finalized. We also have planned a trail ride with Granby Regional MA Horse for August 18, 2019 at RRRC. Stafford is having another celebratory parade in September so we need to know who has interest in participating in that event also. In order to add the September parade to our very full calendar we have moved the Spaghetti Fund Raiser to the open house weekend in October. I hope we can get a good turnout for all of these wonderful events. Please inquire as to how you can get involved and support RRRC. Hope to see everyone at the Blessing, if not see you all on the trails.

Holly

BLESSING OF THE MOUNTS MAY 5TH

The Blessing of the Mounts event will be held on May 5th at 10am. A pancake breakfast will be served from 10am to 11am. After the breakfast, we will cleanup and tack up and be ready for the blessing by Father Danyluk at noon. After the blessing, there will be a short trail ride at approximately 1pm.

Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Please RSVP to Ann Moses at 203-962-3509. Visit our website at www.reddingtonrockridingclub.org for online registration and payment.

STRIDERS RACE MAY 19TH

The Shenipsit Striders, a local 44 year old trail running club, will be once again be holding their annual 24k and 6k trails races in Shenipsit Forest on Sunday, May 19th. This will be the 35th year of the race. We have over 300 competitors each year and raise money to donate to local land trusts and trail maintainers as well as give back to the Reddington Riding Club who make our race possible with use of their land. The competitors enjoy over 13 miles of flagged trails through the forest and three aid stations stocked with water, food and friendly faces. The race finishes off with a vegetarian feast and age group awards. We also offer a free kids race for the littlest ones.

Please remember to all that want to ride at camp this day you will have to wait until the race is over for the safety of all. The race is usually over around 2pm. Thank you.

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Constitution Changes and Camp Rules

At the Club's March meeting, the changes to the Constitution which were sent out prior to the March meeting were approved. The Constitution is posted on our website: www.reddingtonrockridingclub.org.

As a result of the great participation of Club members in cleaning up after trees were cut and pitching in at our Spring Clean Up, Camp Glazier is spic 'n span and our riding season has begun!

Now that we all will be enjoying the Camp, we need to pay particular attention to the changes in the "Camp Rules" section of the Constitution in addition to being familiar with the entire section. Some of the key changes are as follows:

- The section re: "grandfathered members" was eliminated.
- To be eligible to rent and renew the rental of a lot, members must own or lease an equine and use the lot with that equine at least twice per season.
- Tree cutting requires coordination among the Camp Director, the President and the Board of Directors.
- There are expanded guidelines for approved portable fencing for anyone camping in the field.
- All rules related to parking were combined into one section.
- Additional rules about keeping the driveway clear for emergency vehicles, towing and parking on a lot rented by another member were added in the parking section.



The Camp Rules section of the Constitution is included with this Trail Rider. We are all responsible to follow the Constitution. The entire constitution can be found on our website. Please take the time to read and understand the Camp Rules so that we all have a clear understanding of expectations while at Camp Glazier.

Open House Weekend & Chicken BBQ

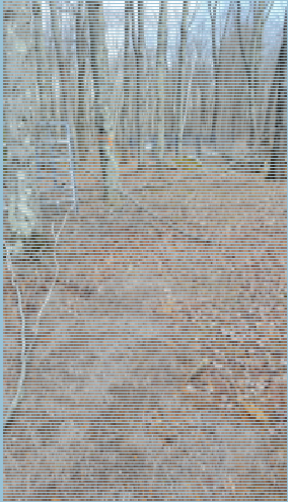
This year we are having a weekend long event. Planning is ongoing as this is the largest revenue generating event for planned RRRC. Volunteers will be needed to help in a multitude of areas to make this open house weekend a success. There will be a flat fee for the entire weekend or you can just participate in the BBQ meal. (tickets are required to be purchased in advance). If you are planning to stay at camp the entire weekend and NOT participate in the weekend events (including meals, rides, clinics) keep in mind the cook shack and pavilion will NOT be available for general members use. More information will be forthcoming as the details get solidified.



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CAMP CLEAN UP

I would like to thanks everyone that came to help and enjoyed a great pot luck lunch. We had about 24 people help. We got most of the common area cleaned up. We still need some cleaning by the stone wall by the driveway and the other side of the wall going to the riding arena. The walk way by the bathrooms needs a little more work. We purchased some material for the driveway and will need help getting it to camp and spreading it. There is no work dates picked out yet to get the work done. I will be volunteering my equipment. A call has been made to CT Mulch and we are still waiting for the trees to bloom. Once I have more info on the trees I will let the members know. Lots have to be cleaned up by April 30th. Camp director Karen Gregoire



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Donations Needed!

Time is of the Essence!

Donate to the Stafford Legacy Clock

At the April meeting, Dave Massaro, suggested that the Club should become more visible in the Town of Stafford. He felt that doing so would create a positive image of the Club.

Members at the meeting were very enthusiastic about being more visible in Stafford in particular as Stafford is celebrating its' 300th anniversary and there are many events going on throughout the year. There was interest in participating in the Memorial Day Parade in Stafford, a number of other events (such as Town beatification projects), and the 300th anniversary parade.

There was general agreement that we should raise enough money in donations for the Club to have a bronze plaque with the Club's name on the "Stafford Legacy Clock" which will be installed in Downtown's Haymarket Common. In order to achieve that, we need to raise a minimum \$300.00.

Since the April meeting, a number of donations have come in and we are well on our way to reaching our goal!

Please consider making a donation toward raising enough to have RRRC's name on a plaque on the anniversary clock. A donation box will be available at the Blessing of the Mounts as well as the May meeting on May 8th. Donations can also be mailed in as follows:

RRRC, P.O. Box 676, Somers, CT 06071. Please make checks payable to RRRC.

Upcoming Events

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| May 27 | Stafford Memorial Day Ride |
| June 1 & 2 | National Trails Weekend |
| June 23 | Versatility Clinic with Dawn Bonin |
| June 24 to 28 | Myles Standish Camping |
| July 6 | Clean up Day at camp to get ready for Chicken Barbeque & Open House |
| July 12 to 14 | Chicken Barbeque and Open House Weekend |
| July 28 | RRRC to Host CT Trail Riders |



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Memorial Day Parade

This year Reddington Rock will be participating in the Stafford Memorial Day parade. The parade is Monday, May 27th, 2019 and will start downtown in front of Town Hall to be led up Main St. ending at the American Legion. Approximately 1.2 Miles.

We are looking for a preliminary headcount to be able to organize and facilitate Reddington Rock's participation in the parade. Riders and Walkers are welcome. We need a couple people to hold the banner, as well as a couple of volunteers to scoop poop.

Participants will need to arrive at the designated staging area (to be determined) around 9:00am, for the parade to begin at 11:00am. Please take into consideration, if you are riding, if you can trailer with someone together to consolidate the number of trailers on location, that would ease in the logistics of the situation. We do not have the convenience of Monty and Anne's property to stage the horses like we do for the Four Town Fair parade.

We would like to be able to nail down the logistics of this event in a timely fashion, to eliminate as much confusion on the day of. Please contact Dave Massaro or Marley Pirtel ASAP if you intend on participating in this event.

New Members

Please welcome the following new members!

Stephanie Pettee has rejoined and has 2 new horses, Cinch & Montana. She is looking to spend time at RRRRC with her Aunt's Ann & Corky. She has requested to be added to the lot list.

Tanya & Jake Rudolph and children have joined. Tanya is Marley Pirtel's daughter and I am sure we will be seeing Marley's grandchildren around camp this summer. Tanya was one of the 2018 poker ride winners.

Sue Grala, a close friend of Sandi & Kent Hutchison, has joined as a supporting member. Sue has helped at several past RRC events and enjoys every minute she has in the saddle with her buddy Joker. He love's the licorice treats she brings!

Arlene Doherty, a friend of Marley Pirtel's has joined this year. Arlene purchased Marley's horse Bundy a few years ago. We can expect to see Arlene and Bundy around camp and at Myles Standish in June.

New Member information and applications can be found on our website. Or feel free to contact the membership committee for information. Sandi Hutchison, Marion Hartman and Corrine Breyette.

