

2021 NYSHC Ride and Drive Program FINAL Report –March 2022

The NYS Horse Council invites you to participate in the Ride and Drive Program! All ages are welcome. Every hour you spend riding or driving your horse counts, whether you are on trails, taking lessons, in show rings, going down the road, in a parade, or in your own back yard!

You must be a NYSHC member to join (dues paid for that current year). Then just sign up and pay an initial start fee of \$15 (\$5 every year after to continue participating), obtain an official NYSHC log sheet or download files at www.NYSHC.org and start filling in the hours! Please submit hours logged **by January 15th** each year.

The Program runs the calendar year. NYSHC Membership must be current, and fees must be paid in order to receive awards. After you accumulate 25 hours you will receive a Ride/Drive Patch Award and as you add up hours you will receive awards (hour bars) after 100, 200, 300, 500, 750, 1000 hours and so on, and maybe you will see your name in the NYSHC Newsletter. There is no limit on how long it takes you to achieve each patch award. Hours will be counted on the Rider/Driver and carried over from year to year.

We also have End of Year Awards and Prizes (dependent on sponsorship). Categories may include: Most Hours Ridden for the year, Most Hours Driven, Vintage Rider/Driver (63+ years) with most hours, Youth Rider/Driver (under 19) with most hours, and Family combined hours awards. 2021 prizes (Hi-Visibility vests) were donated by Donna Putnam.

Thank you to all who have participated in the Ride and Drive Program! 2021 continued to present challenges for many of us due to Covid-19; some were able to ride more, some were limited. We hope everyone stayed healthy! 9 registered (1 new, 8 renewals), but a number did not renew from previous years, and not everyone registered submitted hours.

Ridden	Driven	Name	Award
835		Lesa Jeffries	Most Hours Ridden
525.75	94.75	Donna Putnam	Most Hours Driven (prize refused)
243.42		April McCarthy	Vintage Rider (over 63- most hours ridden)
194		Lydia Visser	Youth Rider (under 19- most hours ridden)
95.75		Sarah Craig	
53		Loraine Snyder	
		Debra Marshall	(hours not submitted)
		Pauline Burnes	(hours not submitted)
		Joni Yotpolis	(hours not submitted)

If any participants did not receive the Ride and Drive Program patch and/or bumper sticker when you enrolled, please contact us and we will send one. It may be sewn onto a saddle pad or apparel such as a jacket or vest, and milestone bars added as achieved. It has come to our attention that some may not have received all the hour bars they have earned. Please let us know if you have some missing, and we will send them. We do need to have bars made for the higher numbers (over 2000) and we will send them as soon as they are available.

Start making plans to join in the Ride-Drive Program and log those hours. A great place to rack up hours is at one of the NYSHC Sponsored rides or events!

Due to my retirement in 2021 and relocation to Tennessee, this was my final year as Chairman of the Ride and Drive Program, and **Joanne Frechette has agreed to take over in 2022**. For current questions or more details, please contact: Donna Putnam 845-728-2229, donna.putnam3237@gmail.com; or for information going forward or if you would like to sponsor an award in 2022, please contact Joanne Frechette, jfrechette@stny.rr.com