

What's New?

- ◆ RVR is currently seeking a person with the leadership and commitment needed to become a RVR Board member. Information packets are available upon request. Please consider the potential for you to be a part of RVR's commitment in sustaining quality therapeutic horse riding and carriage driving.
- ◆ If you would like to become an instructor-in-training or become more involved with RVR, please talk with any instructor or board member for more information.
- ◆ In 2009, the RVR newsletter will be emailed!
- ◆ RVR is using Google for online donations on our website.
- ◆ Look for our flash photo gallery and the RVR video online.



RVR is a member of
NARHA.

For more information
about therapeutic riding:
www.narha.org

2008 Ride-A-Thon Successful!

The River Valley Riders Annual Ride-A-Thon was held at Wild River State Park on June 21, 2008. We had 50 participants either riding a horse or walking. We raised \$6,531, smashing previous Ride-A-Thon records.

Mini Ride-A-Thons were also held at three sites. The Washington County Fairgrounds site brought in \$4,438 with 17 riders participating. The Scandia site had 4 riders involved and raised \$1,185. The Osceola site had 4 riders bringing in a total of \$310. Nine ghost riders contributed

\$1,035. As an added bonus sales of RVR T-shirts amounted to \$135. That brings our 2008 RVR Ride-A-Thon total to \$13,634.



A special thank you goes out to the Ride-A-Thon committee and our co-chairs Jenny Sargent and Cheryl Holt. Their commitment to helping RVR achieve its mission is inspirational!

Reducing Our Carbon Hoof Print

If you were wondering why you hadn't heard from us for a while, we are cutting back on producing the printed newsletter and are trying to take advantage of electronic communication. This will be the last printed newsletter that is mailed to all participants, volunteers, and friends of RVR. If you would like to continue to receive a printed copy, please call 651-439-2558, stating your name and that you would like to receive the newsletter by mail. If you would like to be added to our electronic newsletter list please e-mail newsletter@rivervalleyriders.org. Our newsletters are also available on our website www.rivervalleyriders.org

2008 RVR Round-Up Dinner and Silent Auction

The 2008 River Valley Riders Roundup Dinner and Silent Auction provided an excellent opportunity for River Valley Rider regulars to meet new volunteers and donors. One-hundred fifteen attendees enjoyed the savory food prepared by Chris, John and the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center.

The musical mood was set by Tommy Burnevik,

his one-man show with The Big Blues Sound. Visit www.tommyburnevikblues.com for more information about Tommy and his music.

Dave Kuennen, owner of Bright Wines (www.BrightWines.com) selected a delicious variety of wines for a complimentary wine tasting to start the evening. Monica and Tim Kryzer presided over

the wine tasting, a first ever event for the Roundup.

The co-chairs of this fabulously successful event, Susan, Ann, Joan and Kathy Jo, along with many hard-working RVR volunteers thank you for understanding the vision of RVR. Your philanthropy has allowed us to raise the largest amount ever at a RVR Roundup totaling over \$17,000!

RVR Wish List

- ◆ Bareback pads & El Companero
www.elcompanero.com
- ◆ Non-toxic bug spray for horses "Summer Defense Marigold Horse Spray"
www.farmvet.com
- ◆ Small building for parents and visitors to wait in at Afton land
- ◆ Porta-potty
- ◆ Architect and drafting services
- ◆ Video photographer to make new RVR video
- ◆ Sign for property
- ◆ Gravel for driveway and parking lot
- ◆ Sand for arena
- ◆ Excavating and landscaping services
- ◆ Stamps