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HOOFFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

THE NEXT MEETING IS
APRIL 12, 2014

Vice President's Stall

Can it be true? It's April, and that means spring, I mean, mud season is finally here! Given the long winter, I think any temperature above freezing is a good sign. I never thought I'd be so happy to see those muddy pastures. Riding season won't be far behind. It's time to get our tack oiled, trailers tuned up and cleaned out, and remind our horses too!

A couple of reminders of some upcoming events:

The first ride scheduled for Mother's Day, May 11th in Jay. The ride calendar is getting full. But, if you are interested in sponsoring a ride please let us know. You can find the official schedule at the clubhouse and on the website.

Our fun show is scheduled for May 17th at the clubhouse. The registration form will soon be on the website. We are still in need of volunteers to help with setup, food donation, food booth, cleanup and more. The Maine Quarter Horse Association will be having a show on the 18th, at the clubhouse, and we will be running the food booth. If you'd like to help with the MTRA show, contact Sandy Craig. If you are available to help with food on either day, contact Missy Bourgoïn.

In advance of the spring shows, we will be holding a work bee later in April at the clubhouse. We will set a date at the meeting this Saturday.

The juniors will be showing off their culinary skills by serving us all a wonderful lasagna supper before the April meeting. The cost is \$6 for adults. Dinner starts at 6:30, with the meeting to follow at 7:30.

See you at the clubhouse on April 12th!

Riley

**Our Next Meeting April 12, 2014
at 7:30PM**

Notice to Members



**There will be a Junior Sponsored Dinner
at 6:30 on April 12th! Cost is \$6.00**



If there is any question regarding the possibility of cancellation of any meeting, please call 207-720-0550, before leaving to attend. If we have your email address, an email notification will be sent out. Or, you can check out the Maine Trailer Riders Web site or Facebook page.

LOST!

A Set of keys has been lost on the clubhouse grounds. If you should come across a set of keys with a black strap key-ring, please contact Nancy Weeks at 207-557-3302

Upcoming Events

Please note: the event calendar will be posted at the clubhouse prior to all meetings. The calendar will not be read at the meetings. Club meetings are at 7:30 P.M. unless posted otherwise.

Apr 12 – Junior fundraiser supper, 6:30 at the MTRA club house

Apr 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

May 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

May 11 - **Jay Ride sponsored by Trudy Bickford (207-720-0550)

May 17 – Spring Fun Show

May 18 – MeQHA Spring Horse Show

Jun 7 - **Turner Ride (Nora MacDonald)

Jun 8 - **Greene Ride (Melissa Bourgoin)

Jun 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jun 14-15 - **Spring Ride from the MTRA club house

Jun 28 – **Vienna Mountain Ride in Mt. Vernon (Karen Brown)

Jun 29 – **Newport RR Bed Ride (Dana Lary)

Jul 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jul 12 - Moxie Day Parade

Jul 13 – **Gardiner Ride (Ginny Roseberry)

Jul 25-27 - **Vienna Ride (Julie Anderson)

Aug 2 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Aug 3 – Topsham Fair Horse Show

Aug 9-10 - **Blanchard Ride (Brenda & Dana Lary)

Aug 16 - **West Gardiner Ride (Cathy Small)

Aug 17 - **Location TBA (Sally Labree)

Aug 23-24 - **Roseberry Patch Ride in Richmond (Ginny Roseberry)

Sep 5-7 - Litchfield Fair Food Booth

Sep 13-14 **Andover Ride (Walt Williams)

Sep 20 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Sep 20-21 - **Fall Ride from the MTRA club house

Sep 27 - **Blazin' The Trail For A Cure in Lisbon Falls (Sandy Craig)

Sep 28 – Lisbon Falls Ride (and Rain date for the Blazin' The Trail For A Cure ride) (Sandy Craig)

Oct 4-5 - **Kennebec Morgan Farm Ride in Woolwich (Kate Race & Carlene Iverson)

Oct 11-13 - **Mt. Vernon (Walt Williams and Sandy Zack)

Oct 18-19 - **Parkman Ride (Donna Tripp and Ashley Weeks)

Oct 25 – Fall Fun Show at the clubhouse

Nov 8 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Dec 13 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Other Events of Possible Interest

Equine Fair: On May 3rd there is an event called Equine Fair that is being held from 10:00AM to 5:00PM at the Myhre Equine Complex, 100 Ten Rod Road, Rochester, NH. The event has free general admission. The proceeds benefit High Knoll Therapeutic riding program and the Dover High School CTC Equine program. A flyer for this event will be available to view at the April 12 meeting. (submitted by Nancy Weeks).

Earl turns 90: On May 30 2014 Earl Brown will turn 90. He would enjoy receiving a card from people who know him. His address is 248 Bog Road Vassalboro Me 04989. His birthday wish is to ride his horse Danny boy. Although Danny boy has lost a lot of weight I will see that he gets his wish. (submitted by Nancy Weeks).

Komen Ride for the Cure Event: on May 31st, 2014. This ride will take place at Spurwink Farm in Cape Elizabeth which is typically not open to the public. The trail will have portions of woods, fields, carriage trails and beach. A flyer will be available to view at the April meeting. Please note, this requires registration through the www.komenmaine.org website. They expect participants to raise \$250. Further information can be obtained by contacting Becky Nash at: 207-922-3303.

Tri-County Horsemen's Spring Cleanout: This is a large indoor flea market specializing in horse related items and more. There will be both new and used items. It is taking place on April 27th, from 8AM until noon at the Thompson community Center, 51 South Union Road, Union, Maine. Tack shops and clubs are encouraged to participate. Tables are provided for \$10 each (8 ft table). Contact Rosemary Feyler at 207-785-6657 for more information.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Called to order: 7:30pm (March 8)

Guest Introduction: Matt and Paul

Secretary's Report: Accepted as posted in Hoof beats, Nancy motioned and Suzanna seconded,

passed

Treasurer's Report: Tabled to next meeting

BOD Report: No Report.

Trail Report: August meeting interfered with trail ride, Sandy motioned to have meeting Friday August 1st, Missy seconded, passed.

Horse Show Report: Sandy will be Spring Horse Show manager, scheduled for May 17th. Signup sheet passed around for help. Topsham Horse Show is scheduled for August 3rd at the fairgrounds, Sandy will be manager. Fall Horse Show scheduled for October 25th, Juniors would like to run show again or do the Seniors want to run it. Thanks to Brenda and Dana for hosting meeting.

Publicity Report: Larry Felt will be turning 94 on March 21st, he would like to receive 94 Birthday Cards, address: 184 Pittston Rd Whitefield, Me 04353.

Building and Land Report: Need to schedule a work bee when weather is better. Need running water for April meeting.

Fund Raising Committee Report: Scrapbooking event went well, raised a little over \$400.00.

Food Committee Report: No Report.

Entertainment Committee Report: No Report.

Parade Committee Report: No Report.

Hospitality Committee Report: No Report.

Drill Team Report: No Report

Junior's Report: April meeting Junior's will be hold a supper at 6:30, \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for 10years and under, under 5 free.

Correspondence Report : Nancy: request for use of grounds on June 28th and 29th for Search and Rescue, Nora motioned to allow the use of grounds, Sandy seconded, passed. Janice Hill: there will be a Blue Seal representative at the Boot and Buckle Restaurant on March 21st to talk about their feed. Becky from the Susan Komen Ride for the Cure will be held on May 31st if anyone is interested.

Old Business Report: BOD sign up sheet.

New Business Report: Sign up sheet for

committees and snacks.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: Mounted Search and Rescue donated \$25.00 for use of grounds.

**Membership Count: Senior Members: 16
Junior Members: 4 Dogs: 5**

Raffles and /or mystery gift: No mystery gift, Brag: Trudy, has new horse and rode her for the first time, went well.

Motion to adjourn: Missy motioned, Nora seconded passed. meeting ended at 7:59pm.

Tip of the Month

Information found under the Tip of the Month may be on the Junior Test at the end of the year.

Many riders believe that you should not let a hot, sweaty horse drink water for fear of colic. They believe you should cool the horse down before letting them drink. This is actually a myth. Denying a horse water, especially one that has been sweating, can lead to dehydration. Instead, allow your horse to drink as soon as possible, but only allow him to drink about half a gallon. Twenty minutes later offer him another half a gallon. Continue until his thirst is satisfied. Think of how you feel after doing very strenuous activity. If you drink a whole bunch of water right away your stomach feels really full and you may feel like you need vomit. The same thing will happen to a horse. The average horse has a stomach that will hold about 2 to 3 gallons of content. During strenuous exercise a horse's stomach and intestines temporarily shut down while blood flow is diverted to the heart and lungs. Offering small amounts of water gets the stomach working again and the interval allows the water to pass through before more is taken in.

Source: Anthony Blikslager, DVM, PhD, DACVS North Carolina State University as reported in the September 2013 issue of Equus magazine.

Wanted!

Unusable saddle

Wanted: a saddle that is no longer safe for riding, that can be used as a decoration.

Contact Nancy Weeks by email: mcgiver@tds.net



Cowboy Boots

Wanted 4 - 5 pairs of your old cowboy boots. They can be short, tall, lace ups or pull on and please don't worry if they are worn out, scratched or dirty, all that just gives them more character and will suite my needs better. If you have a pair I might be interest in, please feel free to bring them to the December meeting or call me and we can meet up.

Contact information: Phone 207-576-2721 or e-mail gamblingforcash@yahoo.com.

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Rubber English riding boots!

I have several pairs of rubber English riding boots for sale \$5 each.

Call Nancy Weeks 207-557-3302



Horse For Sale!

Abby, aka Robie Sue's independence 22 year old bay Morgan mare, trail safe, good feet don't require shoes, up to date on shots.

Call Ashley Weeks at 207-557-3449 or Nancy Weeks at 207-557-3302

**Boarding available in new barn**

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**Brookside Wash and Mend**

Horse blanket washing and light mending.

Rates and Services:

- Washing: Medium/Heavy weight - \$15.
 Sheets (nylon, cotton, fly) - \$10
 Saddle Pads (heavy) - \$10
 Saddle Pads (light) - \$8
 Fly Masks - \$3

Repairs: Minor repairs (rips/tears) - \$10

*Please note that all items will require a wash before repairing.

*All MTRA Members – 10% off and 10% will be donated to the club

Contact: Donna LeBlond

32 David Drive, Auburn, ME 207-577-6063

**Land for Sale**

Approx. 13 acres of open field

Located off Tutt Lane in Litchfield, ME (near Stevenstown Rd. & behind the MTRA clubhouse)

Perfect setting for a small farm.

\$75,000 Call (207) 582-7817 for more information

**Saddle Pad!**

Tucker wool felt saddle pad for sale. It is in excellent condition. Asking \$50.00

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**Barn in Dexter available!**

Some friends have a gorgeous barn with about 4 acres of pasture and running water and electricity. They could provide some help with feeding etc. But neither is what I would call a horse person. The barn has six large box stalls if I remember correctly. It's got cement floors and a huge hayloft. They'd be open to any proposals! If interested email me and I will hook you up!

Patti Dowse

Erda ([Www.ErdaLeather.com](http://www.ErdaLeather.com))



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General Information

Website

<http://mainetrailriders.com>

If you have info to submit to the website, please contact Trudy Bickford by phone 207-720-0550 or email trudybickford@mainetrailriders.com.

Hospitality

Please help Cathy by keeping her informed on anything where the club should send out a card or more. She can be contacted via email at:

Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com.

Publicity

Please help Becky Wallace by sending her any updates or tips for publicity. Becky can be reached via email at: BLWallace@live.com.

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Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the May issue is **April 24**. Send your email address if you would like to receive this newsletter via email. Photos and tips are welcome! Send to:

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