

# Maine Trail Riders Association, Inc.

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## HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

THE NEXT MEETING IS  
FRIDAY - AUGUST 1, 2014

### Vice President's Stall

July has been a beautiful month for riding! I hope you have all been out there enjoying the trails!

We started the month with a ride to the top of Vienna Mountain. A few fine folks represented the club in the Moxie Days parade, and we ended the month with another great ride in Vienna. Such beautiful trails out that way! If you didn't make it, put this ride on your calendar for next year.

The big event for the club is this Sunday! Our annual Topsham Fair horse show. Volunteers for the food booth and ring crew are needed! Sandy Craig (207-353-8242) is managing the show, and Nancy Weeks (207-557-3302) is running the food booth. Please let them know if you where you will be able to help out.

We will have our August club meeting at 7:30PM on August 1st, please note that is a **FRIDAY!** Prior to the membership meeting, there will be a junior member meeting (which will start at 7PM).

Trail rides pick up steam again this month with a ride in Shirley on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (near Greenville), West Gardiner and a Lisbon Falls River ride the following weekend, and finishes up with Richmond the 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.

The Litchfield Fair is closer then you think. Volunteers are needed for the food booth!

For the Blazin' A Trail for A Cure Ride, contact Donna Tripp for Memory balloons for \$1.00 and juniors for Memory cards for \$3.00. T-Shirts are available through Lynn Aube for \$10.00.

Riley

Our Next Meeting August 1,  
2014 at 7:30PM

## Notice to Members



**PLEASE NOTE the August meeting is  
FRIDAY the 1<sup>st</sup>.**



**There will be a junior meeting on  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 7:00PM.**



**Topsham Fair Horse Show,  
Sunday, August 3**

**VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED!!!**



**Board of Directors Meeting,  
August 14, 7PM at the clubhouse**



## Horse Show Information

The Topsham Fair Horse Show is coming up fast! Please help out by volunteering time in the food booth or at the ring. Food donations are welcome for sales at the food booth. For more information, contact Nancy Weeks in regards to food booth (207-557-3302) or Sandy Craig in regards to the show (207-353-8242).

## Junior Notices

There will be a junior meeting prior to the next membership meeting. The junior meeting will begin at 7:00 on August 1.

Nancy

## Blazin' A Trail For a Cure

T-Shirts are available for the annual Blazin' A Trail For A Cure Ride on September 27. They can be purchased for \$10. Please send your request to Lynn Aube: email [aube04287@myfairpoint.net](mailto:aube04287@myfairpoint.net) or phone 207-737-4095.

## 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.

Aug 1 – Junior meeting, 6PM at the MTRA club house

Aug 1 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

**Aug 3 – Topsham Fair Horse Show**

Aug 9-10 – \*\*Shirley Ride (Brenda & Dana Lary 353-4901). Flu and Rabies shot are required.

Aug 16 - \*\*West Gardiner Ride (Cathy Small 582-2093)

Aug 14 – Board of Directors meeting – 7PM at the MTRA club house

Aug 17 - \*\*Lisbon River Ride (Sally Labree 933-9163)

Aug 23-24 - \*\*Roseberry Patch Ride in Richmond (Ginny Roseberry 737-4989)

**Sep 5-7 - Litchfield Fair Food Booth**

Sep 13-14 \*\*Andover Ride (Walt Williams 293-3068)

Sep 20 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

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

Sep 27 - \*\*Blazin' A Trail For A Cure in Lisbon Falls (Sandy Craig 353-8242)

Sep 28 – Lisbon Falls Ride (and Rain date for the Blazin' A Trail For A Cure ride) (Sandy Craig 353-8242)

Oct 4-5 - \*\*Kennebec Morgan Farm Ride in Woolwich (Kate Race 522-5587 & Carlene Iverson) PLEASE NOTE – Coggins within 3

years in state (6 months out of state) and Rhino/flu shot within past 12 months are required.

Oct 11-13 - \*\*Mt. Vernon (Walt Williams and Sandy Zack 293-3068)

Oct 18-19 - \*\*Parkman Ride (Donna Tripp and Ashley Weeks 582-5532)

**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

## Ride Information

The calendar has filled up fast! Contact the trail secretary, Cathy Small, to sponsor a ride:

Email: [Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com](mailto:Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com)

Phone: 207-582-2093

### August ride information

**August 9-10 – Shirley Ride sponsored by Brenda and Dana Lary:**

We will be camped at "North Pointe Farm & Garden" Formally "Moose Crossing". This is located off the Greenville Road on the left past Shirley Corner (Rt# 6 & 15). There will be signs from Shirley Corner.

Sis not shod. We will be eating lunch on the Trail, so you should carry a lunch.

You may be asked to show papers that your horse has proper shots, Flu & Rabies.

You may arrive Friday if you wish but the scheduled rides are Saturday & Sunday.

#### **Directions:**

From Newport, take Rt#7 to Dexter and Rt# 23 to Guilford. From Guilford follow Rt# 6 & 15. It will be approximately 8 or 9 miles North of Monson on the left. You can also go to Skowhegan and follow Rt# 150 to Guilford.

Any Questions, Call Dana Lary at 207-353-4901.



West Gardiner, October 4, 2009

### **August 16 – West Gardiner Ride sponsored by Cathy Small:**

Campers are welcome for Friday and Saturday nights. We have planned on camping in this location for the past couple of years but the weather has not cooperated. I'm hoping this year it works out. There is room for portable fencing and water for the horses is available from the pond. We will have a central location for a fire pit, weather permitting. For those of you that have camped here before, I'm sure you will agree this is a beautiful location and I'd like to thank Gary & Maria Quintal, owners of Cobbossee Valley View Farm. Please come and enjoy.

The ride on Saturday will begin at 10:00 and be about 3-4 hours with a lunch break out on the trail. Remember your halter and lead lines and your saddlebag lunch. Any questions contact Cathy @ 207-582-2093.

#### **Directions:**

From 295 and 95 West Gardiner Exits, head east towards Lewiston on Rt. #126. Go 3 miles to a yellow blinking light at Spears Corner. Turn right onto Spears Corner Road. Go 1/2 mile in and turn right into a driveway (across from my driveway, which is on the left). Follow the MTRA signs.

Coming from Lewiston come out Rt. 126, go past the Dennis Hill Road (the turn to go to the clubhouse) stay on Rt. 126 passing 126 Citgo Gas Station and go over the Cobbossee Stream Bridge (this is the Litchfield/West Gardiner line).

Horseshoe Pond will be on your right. When you come to the yellow blinking light at the intersection of Bog Hill Road (on your right) and Spears Corner Road (on your left) take the left onto the Spears Corner Road. Go 1/2 mile in and turn right into a driveway (across from my driveway, which is on the left). Follow the MTRA signs.



### **August 17 – Lisbon River Ride sponsored by Sally Labree:**

The ride will leave at 10 am. It is three hours with a lunch break on the trail, so pack your lunch.

The ride will leave from the Lisbon Left Hand Club, please bring manure forks for “clean up” before we leave.

The ride is mostly wooded, with some rocky patches, there is a short stretch of road to connecting trail.

#### **Directions:**

If you are traveling south (towards Brunswick) on Rt. 196, you will make a right hand turn onto the Main St of Lisbon at the traffic light - this is the intersection where Graziano’s restaurant used to be.

If you are traveling north (towards Lewiston) on Rt. 196, you will make a Left hand turn onto the Main St of Lisbon at the traffic light - this is the intersection where Graziano’s restaurant used to be.

Once you are on the Main St of Lisbon village, proceed straight. You will pass the Fire station, go about 1 and 1/2 miles, and there will be a dirt road on your right with a road sign, Wagg Road, there is also a LHC sign, and I will have a MTRA sign there. You will go up Wagg road till you come to the parking lot of the Left Hand club, and I will be there. Any questions call Sally at 207-933-9163 Hope to see you there!



### **August 23-24 – Roseberry Patch Ride in Richmond sponsored by Ginny Roseberry:**

The Saturday and Sunday rides will start at 10:00AM.

The rides will be a mix of trails and roads, most of which will depend upon the weather.

Camping is available for Friday and Saturday nights.

There will be a potluck supper on Saturday night.

**Directions:** 670 Beedle Road, Richmond. From Richmond Corner, take 201 North to Beedle Road on the right. Our Farm is over the overpass on Beedle Road. Watch for MTRA signs.

For more information, contact Ginny at 207-737-4989.

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Submitted by Donna LeBlond**

**Called to order:** 7:31pm

**Guest Introduction:** No guest

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted as posted in Hoof beats Julie motioned, Ginny seconded, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** No Report.

**BOD Report:** Meeting was held on June 26th, topic was Junior participation and improvements to building, grounds and lighting. Another BOD meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 14th 7pm at clubhouse.

**Trail Report:** Meeting was held on June 26th, meeting minutes not available at this meeting.

**Horse Show Report:** Help is needed for Topsham Horse Show, contact Sandy Craig.

**Publicity Report:** No Report

**Building and Land Report:** No Report.

**Fund Raising Committee Report:** No report, looking for ideas.

**Food Committee Report:** No Report. Need help at Topsham Horse Show, contact Nancy Weeks

**Entertainment Committee Report:** No report, need ideas.

**Parade Committee Report:** Moxie Day parade July 12th, had five riders two from the MTRA.

**Hospitality Committee Report:** No Report.

**Drill Team Report:** No Report

**Junior's Report:** No Report.

**Correspondence Report :** No Report.

**Old Business Report:** BOD sign up sheet.

**New Business Report:** Trudy got an e-mail from a gentleman with a complaint about the American flag being left out at night without it being illuminated.

**Remarks for the Good of the Order:** No Report.

**Membership Count: Senior Members: 8**

**Junior Members: 1 Dogs: 2**

**Raffles and /or mystery gift:** No mystery gift, no brags

**Motion to adjourn:** Brenda motioned, Rachel seconded motion passed. Meeting ended at 7:58pm.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:gamblingforcash@yahoo.com).

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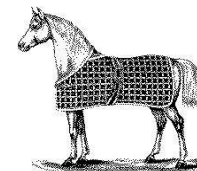
Washing: Medium/Heavy weight - \$15.  
 Sheets (nylon, cotton, fly) - \$10  
 Saddle Pads (heavy) - \$10  
 Saddle Pads (light) - \$8  
 Fly Masks - \$3

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



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**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.  
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**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](mailto: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:

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## Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the September issue is **August 16**. 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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