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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
APRIL 9, 2016**

President's Stall

On March 11, 2016, our honorary lifetime member and past president, Larry Felt passed on to his maker. Our condolences and sympathy go out to all of his family and friends. At the end of this letter is the obituary and funeral information for Larry, which will take place on April 9. The friends planning the gathering would like to make sure they are prepared, so if you think you will attend the gathering in Whitefield after the funeral, please contact Brenda Lary (phone 207-353-4901) so she can provide an estimate of Maine Trail Rider attendees.

At the March meeting, discussions were started regarding ways to improve our club. The meeting in April will be a continuation of those discussions. Be sure to bring all your thoughts and ideas, everything from improving rides, to improving our meetings, fundraisers, membership, etc. We hope you can make it to the April meeting!

Prior to the meeting on Saturday, April 9, there will be a work bee at the clubhouse for spring cleaning. The work bee will begin at 3PM. There will be burgers for supper for those that help with the spring cleaning!

A fun show has been scheduled for April 30, at the clubhouse. We are in need of volunteers! To get things started, Cathy Small and I have volunteered to co-manage the show, and I will take care of the secretary duties. But we will need volunteers for ring crew, announcer, timers, food booth, etc. Please help by signing up to help at this show!

Trudy.

Our Next Meeting:
April 9, 2016

Notice to Members



WANTED!

Bring your ideas and thoughts on ways to improve our club to the April meeting, where the majority of the meeting time will be to stimulate ideas and plan changes.



FUN SHOW! April 30th at the clubhouse



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

This is the only notice you will receive:

If your dues are not paid by May 1st you will no longer receive the Hoofbeats.

Ride Information

Contact the trail secretary, Cathy Small, to sponsor a ride:

Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com

Phone: 207-582-2093

May ride information

May 22 – Newport RR Bed Ride sponsored by Marianne Cogswell:

The ride out time is 10a.m.

This railroad bed is an easy trail to ride, the footing is good. This will be a nice ride for getting our horses back in shape for the riding season. Pack a lunch, or at the end lunch spot is Barb's Village Square Restaurant (eat in or take out). You can call ahead to have your lunch ready (207-278-2799) and check what's on their menu.

Lunch spot has no tie ups available. They have made a park like setting. There are a lot of large flat rocks to sit on while you hold your horse and have lunch. There a few benches (no tables). The flat rocks also are handy to use to mount up on your horse.

This is not a good ride for dogs because the RR bed trail comes close to a number of home backyards, and the lunch spot has a major/busy road close too.

Directions:

From the south, take I-95 north to exit 157. Take Left off the ramp and Left onto route 11. Go straight thru the traffic light. Parking is on the left about a ½ mile after the Sebacook Federal Credit Union. This is about 45 minutes of traveling time from Augusta.

This is a new parking area called the Moosehead Trail RR bed parking. Park your trailers close, since ATV and boat users also use share this area.

GPS info: Newport Maine, 87 Moosehead Trail (this will bring you to the credit union bend), parking lot is on the left just after.

Come one, come all, Happy Horse-N!!

Marianne Cogswell (phone 207-437-5844)



June ride information

June 4 – Jay RR Bed Ride sponsored by Trudy Bickford:

Ride will start at 10:00. The footing is some sand, but a few areas with gravel. We may run into some ATV's since this is a multi-use trail. This is an easy trail ride that is usually about 4 hours in length. Lunch can be purchased from a local store at the lunch break site in Wilton or you can pack your own.

Directions:

From all directions, access Route 4 north/south to Jay. Once you come to the center of Jay, stay on Route 4 until you come to the MacDonald's on the right. Proceed to the far back corner of the gravel parking lot on the left.

Any questions contact Trudy Bickford:

Phone 207-720-0550

Email trudybickford@mainetrailriders.com

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 9 – Memorial Service for Larry Felt, 11am,
Staples Funeral Home, 53 Brunswick Ave,
Gardiner

Apr 9 – Work bee, 3pm, at the MTRA club house

Apr 9 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Apr 30 – MTRA Spring Fun Show

May 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

May 14 – Food Booth at Safe Haven in Durham

May 22 - **Newport Railroad Bed Ride
(Marianne Cogswell 207-437-5844)

Jun 4 - **Jay RR Bed Ride (Trudy Bickford 207-720-0550)

Jun 11 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jun 11-12 - **Spring Ride at MTRA club house

Jul 9 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jul 16-17 – **Shirley Ride (Brenda & Dana Lary 207-353-4901)

Aug 7 – Topsham Fair Horse Show

Aug 13 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Aug 20-21 – **Bowdoin Ride (Brenda & Dana Lary 207-353-4901)

Aug 27 – **West Gardiner Ride (Cathy Small 207-582-2093)

Aug 28 - **Lisbon Ride (Sally Labree 207-933-9163)

Sep 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Sep 9-11 – Litchfield Fair Food Booth

Sep 11-18 – Andover Week of Camping (Walt Williams 207-293-3068)

Sep 12 - **Andover Ride (Walt Williams 207-293-3068)

Sep 17-18 - **Fall Ride at MTRA club house

Oct 1-2 - ** Parkman Ride (Donna Tripp 207-582-5532)

Oct 8 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Oct 10 - **Mt. Vernon Columbus Day Ride (Walt Williams 207-293-3068)

Nov 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Dec 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Cathy Small

MTRA General Membership Meeting – March 12, 2016

Called to order at: 7:30 pm by VP Riley Morse at the Litchfield Fire Department

Secretary's Report: A motion was made seconded, and passed to accept the December's Secretary's Report as posted in the HB's. There was no meetings in Jan & Feb, so no minutes.

Treasurer's Report: December's, January's, & February's Treasurer's report was passed out. No changes were made.

BOD: Meeting was held on Feb 15, 2016. Nobody had the minutes to read from that meeting but Riley mentioned that they talked about the Junior Program and changes that needs to be discussed. We also talked about having a little different forum after the March meeting by opening up to have a discussion with members on ways to improve the

club and bring in more members. Cathy will have the BOD's minutes typed up to read at the next meeting.

Committees:

Trail: Discussed the possibility of having a clinic instead of a trail ride during our spring weekend. The president needs to appoint a head for this committee.

Horse Show: The Topsham Fair Show has been set for August 7, 2016 by the BOD's and we have been in touch with fair people about this date. The spring Horse Show was set for April 30, 2016 at the clubhouse. Ribbons have been orders for these shows.

Publicity: N/A

Building & Land: A work bee has been set for the afternoon of April 9th to get the ground ready for the April 30th show. The work bee will start at 3:00 and Nancy volunteered to have burgers for supper and we will have our monthly meeting that evening.

Fund Raising: We discussed doing a food booth at Safe Haven in Durham on May 14th during their open house. We have enough members interested in helping with this food booth and Sandy will be the contact for this event. The interested members will meet ahead of time and plan out a menu and what is needed.

Food: N/A

Entertainment: N/A

Parade: N/A

Hospitality: It was announced that Larry Felt, the last living founding member and Honorary Member of MTRA, passed away on Friday March 11. He will be sadly missed by all that knew and loved him. At this time there is no funeral date set.

Juniors: Since there were juniors at the meeting tonight so the amounts that they earned for 2015 was announced again since they were not present at the banquet. Ashley earned \$249.22; Lauren earned \$280.47; and Brynn earned \$284.26.

Correspondences: N/A

Old Business: It was stated again that we are in need of a Secretary for the 2016 season. Please volunteer if you can help out.

New Business: N/A

Remarks for the Good of the Order: Brenda wanted to give a special "Thanks You" to Cathy for nominating Nancy Weeks for the 2015 Leaders and Luminaries Award. This award recognizes outstanding Leadership in the nonprofit community.

Brags: Nancy had a brag that she finally adopted a 5 year old female golden retriever.

Membership Count: 21 Srs. 2 Jrs. 0 Dogs

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:00 pm and we proceeded with an open forum listening to suggestions from the membership present on how to improve our club and increase membership. Riley and Nora took notes and Riley will get them typed up. It was also suggested that we have another session like this one in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Small, Acting Secretary

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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



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Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the May issue is **April 22**. 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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This month's pictures:

- Page 1 top right – Larry Felt – After the Spring Ride 06/12/2010.
- Page 2 bottom right – Newport RR Bed Ride 6/29/2014.
- Page 6 top right – Vienna Mt Ride 6/7/2015.

Lawrence "Larry" Felt

Obituary



Lawrence "Larry" Felt
1920 - 2016

WHITEFIELD - Lawrence "Larry" Felt, of Whitefield, passed away on March 11, 2016. He was born at Maple Tree Farm in Whitefield on March 21, 1920, the son of Lester Felt and Flossie Moody. He attended Whitefield schools and graduated from Gardiner High School in 1937. While a student at Gardiner, he played in both the high school band and orchestra. He later attended the Kennebec School of Commerce and graduated in 1939. He took special courses at Thomas College and Colby College in Waterville. During [World War II](#), he was Chief Clerk in the Motor Transport Office at Camp Langdon Harbor Defenses of Portsmouth, N.H., later transferring to the VAC at Togus where he worked in the Finance Office for eight years. He retired in 1980 after working as a counselor with the State of Maine Employment Security Commission for 25 years.

Larry was a life member and past president of the Maine Horse Association, a co-founder, past president and honorary life member of the Maine Trail Riders Association, and also a member of the Kings Mills Union Hall Association. Other past affiliations as a member include: The Maine Quarter Horse Assoc., the Appaloosa Horse Assoc. of Maine, the American Quarter Horse Assoc., the New England Horseman Council, an original member of the Maine Equine Council, also a member and past president of the Whitefield Fish and Game Club. He was one of the first persons recognized by the Maine Horse Assoc. as an approved Maine Horse Show judge.

In 1995, Larry was made a member of the International Society of Poets, had some poems published in their anthology and was nominated for Poet of the Year and presented with Editors Choice Award from the National Library of Poetry. He was the proud owner of several state champion saddle horses during the years he participated in the show circuit, both in state and out of state.

One of his most enjoyable experiences was to serve as official "Outrider" for the Maine Wagon Train as it traveled from the State Capital to join similar trains from every state in the country to converge at Valley Forge in 1976 in conjunction with the country Bicentennial Celebration.

He was predeceased by his parents; and his sister Glenice Bryant. He is survived by his nephew David Bryant and wife Nancy of Whitefield, also several cousins. He will be sadly missed by all including his constant companions Zeus, his dog, and Sara his cat.

At his request, there will be no visiting hours. A memorial service will be held at Staples Funeral Home, 53 Brunswick Ave., Gardiner, on Saturday April 9 at 11 a.m. following the service a gathering will be held at the Kings Mills Union Hall, Townhouse Rd., Whitefield. Interment will be in the family lot at Kings Mills, Whitefield.

Condolences to the family may be sent to Staples Funeral Home at www.staplesfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial remembrances may be made in Larry's name to:

Kings Mills Union Hall Assoc.
c/o Judy Maldovan, Pres.
27 East River Road
Whitefield, ME 04353 or:
Lynn Talacko
Deputy Chief of EMS
Head Tide Road, Rte. 194
Whitefield, ME 04353