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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

THE NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 14, 2015

President's Stall

You all have probably heard this a million times recently, and maybe even have said it, but PLEASE, ENOUGH WITH THE SNOW ALREADY! I hope you are all well and not getting stuck in drifts. I am trying to patiently wait for spring.

To try to help us all remember just how much fun we have had, and can have again in just a few weeks, I have tossed in a few spring and summer pictures into this month's newsletter. Let's get in a good line-up of rides for 2015! You can contact the trail secretary, Cathy Small, to get a ride put onto the 2015 calendar.

The banquet is coming up fast! Your trail committee has been busy plotting and planning, in the hopes that we can make this year's banquet something everyone will enjoy. The festivities begin at 5PM on Saturday February 21st, at the Gardiner Rod and Gun Club. All are welcome! Although we do not have to have counts for a caterer, we do wish to make sure we have the seating setup appropriately. So, if you can, please contact Cathy by phone or e-mail (582-2093 or Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com) and let her know you are coming and how many will be in your party. Don't worry though, regardless you are still welcome to join us!

Also, a reminder to send in your 2015 dues if you haven't already! Membership forms are on the website.

Hope to see you at the banquet on the 21st!

Trudy.

Our Next Meeting:
March 14, 2015 at 7:30PM

Notice to Members

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.

Event Information

This year we are trying something a little different for our banquet, which is scheduled for Feb. 21st (rain date Feb 22). Our banquet will be a pot luck. We are coordinating the pot luck so that we have enough for everybody attending. Could you please contact me either by phone or e-mail (582-2093 or Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com) to let me know what you want to bring or I can give you a suggestion as to what we still need. Also it would be nice to know how many will be in your party. Let's see if we can improve our attendance. We are going to be playing games and giving away some great awards and prizes. So plan to attend our banquet in February and have some fun.

Thanks,

Cathy & The Trail Committee

Sportsmanship Award

This is a reminder we need nominations for the Sportsmanship Award for 2014. We will be taking nominations until the night of the banquet, plus nominations can be made that night. We will vote for the recipient of the sportsmanship award at the banquet.

A member who has received the award in the past five years is not eligible. The past winners are:

2009 – Becky Wallace
2010 – Rob Gilson
2011 – Trudy Bickford
2012 – Nancy Weeks
2013 – Lynn Aube

Please forward your nominations for 2014 to Trudy Bickford:

Email: trudybickford@mainetrailriders.com,
Phone: 207-720-0550.

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.

Feb 21 – Banquet
Feb 22 – Banquet snow date
Mar 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
Apr 11 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
May 9 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
Jun 13 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
Jul 11 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
Aug 8 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
Sep 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
Oct 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
Nov 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
Dec 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Sorry, we were unable to get this item into this month's newsletter. We will have the minutes at the March meeting or in the March newsletter.

Ride Information

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

Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com
Phone: 207-582-2093

LOST!

Lost: A green trail halter.

During one of the rides this fall, Cody's green trail halter has disappeared. Did anyone find one maybe after the ride was over or possibly where our trailers were parked? I would appreciate it if you could return it.

Thanks Cathy
Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com
Phone: 207-582-2093

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

Classified Ads

Saddle Pad!

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

Call Sally 207-933-9163

Boarding & Lessons

Available at Greene-Horse Farm & Livery, Inc.

We are privately owned and operated and offer all our guests a 10 X 12 box stall in a newly built barn. Horses are turned out daily in individual paddocks or herd pasture depending on compatibility.

Board includes: stall, tack cubicle, feed and basic grooming. There is a round pen on site for your use, and miles of trails and dirt roads for your riding pleasure.

We are conveniently located 4 miles off Route 202 in Greene between Lewiston and Augusta.

Also offering beginner lessons and training.

Please call for more information and pricing, (207) 576-2721. References are available upon request.

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****Full Trailer Safety Inspection only $58 for MTRA Members****

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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)

Do you need professional computer help at a reasonable rate?

Most Jobs $50 to $75

Virus/Spyware removal
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Confidential Data Removal
20+ years experience

Lisbon Computer Tech **353-2557**
IT Mgr at local company TimVerrill@roadrunner.com

Boarding available in new barn

10x12 stalls, 15 acres of pasture, trails available without going on the road first. Includes hay, grain, bedding, daily turnout. $225/month.

Location is 1/16 mile from the Maine Trail Riders clubhouse in Litchfield.

Call Julie Anderson: (207) 446-1604

How are you recycling your computer equipment?

Your confidential data
- Simply deleting your files is not enough. Even if the hard drive is formatted, your information can be retrieved.
- Your data can be securely removed or the drive wiped

Ways to Recycle
- Re-Use, Donation, It's Broken
- Did you know Goodwill donations are scrapped by Dell?

A Better Way
- Local Non-profits, schools, seniors, & low income families are in need
- I securely wipe off your data, refurbish the computer, and get it to those in need. Erasure is DOD 5220.22-M compliant.

Lisbon Computer Tech **353-2557**
IT Mgr at local company TimVerrill@roadrunner.com

Rubber English riding boots!

I have several pairs of rubber English riding boots for sale $5 each.
Call Nancy Weeks 207-557-3302

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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

Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the March issue is **February 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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