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HOOFFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
JANUARY 10, 2015**

Vice President's Stall

Happy New Year MTRAers!

We hope everyone had a great holiday season with friends and family and that your 2015 is off to a great start.

We ended the year with a Christmas party and potluck supper at the clubhouse. Thanks to all who turned out to celebrate. A special big thanks to our elves Lynn Aube and Nora MacDonald for decorating and providing some fun games and prizes in addition to the usual Yankee gift swap.

This year our banquet will be held in February. Please mark your calendars for Saturday February 21st at the Gardiner Rod and Gun Club starting at 5PM. The banquet will be a potluck this year, not a catered event. See event details further on this newsletter for more information regarding the potluck supper for this event.

Because of the banquet, we will not have a February meeting, but we will have one in January, sneaking up on us on the 10th. It doesn't seem like it with all the snow and ice, but it's time to start putting rides and shows on the calendar. We hope you can make the meeting!

Please send your 2015 dues if you haven't already! Membership forms are on the website.

See you on Saturday the 10th at the clubhouse!

Riley

**Our Next Meeting:
January 10, 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.



Junior Notices

Hi Junior's! There will be a junior meeting at 7:00 Jan 10th, prior to the regular club meeting. We will be going over the test and other information needed for the junior participation awards.

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.

Jan 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

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 January meeting.

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

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Saddle Pad!

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Trailer for Sale!

2004 Monarch Bumper pull horse trailer for sale. New tires, taken to shows locally, superficial rust, structurally sound, 2 horse straight load. Inspected every year owned, 2005 and on. Would like \$2750.00 for it.

Call Lynn/Mark at 207-737-4095



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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.

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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)



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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 February issue is **January 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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Vienna Ride, July 2014