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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
JULY 23, 2016**

President's Stall

The calendar is pretty filled up with rides, shows, and food booth fundraisers, but there may be a few open dates if you find some good place and can would like to schedule a ride for this year! We have had some really good rides so far this year, and I for one am looking forward to many more!

Coming up soon is the Topsham Fair Horse Show!

We are seeking a volunteer as Topsham Fair Horse Show manager. We also need volunteers for ring crew, announcers, timers, someone to distribute ribbons, open/close gates, etc. Prior to the show we need volunteers to help setup for the show. Post show, we need volunteers to help pack up and get everything back to the clubhouse. Please contact Trudy Bickford at 207-720-0550 or email trudybickford@mainetrailriders.com.

Nancy will be needing volunteers for the food booth at the Topsham Fair Horse Show. Please contact Nancy Weeks at 207-557-3302 if you can donate any food items or can be scheduled to help out at the booth.

See you at the meetings and on the trails!

Trudy.

**Our Next Meeting:
July 23, 2016**

Notice to Members



**Topsham Fair Horse Show!
August 7**



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.

Jul 2-3 – Food Booth at Haylee Lyn Cummings Memorial Race (held at Silver Spur in Sidney)

Jul 8-10 - **Vienna Ride (Julie Anderson 207-446-1604)

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

Jul 23 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jul 30 - **Anson Abenaki Ride (Laurie Hutchinson 207-437-5844)

Aug 6 - **Frye Mountain Ride (Marianne Cogswell 207-437-5844)

Aug 7 – Topsham Fair Horse Show

Aug 13 – **West Gardiner Ride (Cathy Small 207-582-2093)

Aug 13 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Aug 14 - **Lisbon Ride (Sally Labree 207-933-9163)

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

Sep 9-11 – Litchfield Fair Food Booth

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

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Sep 17 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

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

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

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

Nov 5 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Dec 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Ride Information

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

Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com

Phone: 207-582-2093

July ride information

July 8-10 – Vienna Ride sponsored by Julie Anderson:

Camping is on the upper field next to my parent's driveway or in the lower field next to their house. I will be there starting Friday morning if anyone wants to start camping early. There is plenty of parking as well as plenty of space for temporary pastures. Please toss manure into the woods or spread it. For those with dogs, they are welcome.

Friday's ride will start at 5pm. It will be a short 3 hour ride on back country roads & discontinued dirt roads.

Saturday's ride will start at 9:30am. Lunch will be on the trail so bring your lunch, halter & lead rope. This ride will be approx. 4 1/2-5 hours.

After the ride, those that would like to swim are welcome to join me at a friend's camp on Parker Pond. The water is wonderful there.

Potluck supper around 6:30pm-ish or when we feel like getting out of the water.

Hopefully it won't be too dry for a bonfire.

Sunday's ride starts at 10am. This ride will be around 4 hours with lunch on the trail.

Directions:

From Manchester take 17 north 9.6 miles to Kents Hill.

Bear right on route 41. Go 7.1 miles, turn left onto Seavey Corner Rd. My parents: Ray & Gay Anderson are 4 miles on the right.

Need more information? Please call Julie Anderson at 207-446-1604.

**July 16-17 – 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.

There will be a \$10 per person/per night, fee for camping. You may be asked to show papers that your horse has proper shots, Flu & Rabies.

Rides will begin at 10AM. We will be eating lunch on the Trail, so pack your lunch, halter, and leadline.

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.

**July 30 – Anson Abenaki Ride Sponsored by Laurie Hutchinson:**

This ride starts at 10am. There will be a meet and greet with coffee and donuts from 9:00-9:30.

This ride will go through woods and fields. There is a stream to cross, and the horses can get a drink. We are riding to a river viewing area that was in 1772 the Abenaki Territory, and became in 1809 Somerset County. This is where the Sandy River pours into the Kennebec River. The majestic eagle has there in the tall pines, it could be a "kodak" moment!

Option: Come Friday camp out, with a pot luck supper.

Directions: For GPS, use 26 Hill Top Road, Anson, ME

For More information, please contact Marianne Cogswell at 437-5844 as she is helping our new member Laurie to coordinate this ride.

**August 6 – Frye Mountain Ride Sponsored by Marianne Cogswell:**

This ride has great dirt trail roads. Bring your saddle bag lunch as we will have lunch in the woods/field. Sometimes there is water at stream crossings, but as this year has been quite dry so far please plan on nothing available on the trail. So please bring water for your horses to have at the parking area, before we leave for the ride and also for when you return.

Parking is at the Ranger's Garage, which is at the entrance of Frye Mt., on your left. When you come to park, park close to one another since trailers are bigger now and the area is the same limited size.

The ride starts at 10AM. It is a day ride, lunch for an hour, and we will be back in by 4PM.

Directions: Frye Mt, Morrill, Maine, on Route 220, which is off Route 3. You can GPS it or it is on the Maine Maps.

For More information, please contact Marianne Cogswell at 207-437-5844.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Sandy Craig

MTRA General Membership Meeting – June 11, 2016

The June 11, 2016 meeting was called to order by Trudy Bickford @ 7:31 p.m.

Guests Introduction / New Members: No Report

Secretary's Report: Posted in the May Hoofbeats, motion to accept as posted by Nancy, seconded by Donna and passed

Treasurer's Report: Copies of report passed out to general membership for review.

Board of Director's Report: There have been two meetings, one in May and one in June to discuss request regarding a right of way request from an abutting land owner. This request was voted down at the June 7th meeting. Another item on the agenda was to discuss the Junior program; however, there was not sufficient time at the June 7th meeting to discuss so it has been tabled until the October meeting.

Committees:

Trail Report: Dana would like to commend Julie and Nancy for all their hard work on the new bridge and the trail clearing they have recently done, great job ladies. Refer to Hoofbeats for details on a new ride that has been scheduled on the Abenaki Trail in July.

Show: Trudy stated a show meeting was held to discuss the upcoming Topsham Fair Show. Only 2 members were in attendance, Trudy and Michelle. When they called Cathy with some questions, Cathy drove over to the club house for the meeting. It was decided that the senior poles and senior barrels' classes were going to be added back to the class list. At this time, they do not have a show manager and they are in search of one as well as numerous volunteers. Trudy is going to send out an e-mail to the general membership looking for volunteers. Cathy discussed trophies for Topsham Fair Show. One 6/14 she and Brenda will be going

to Larry Felt's house to pick-up the trophies that were donated to the club. Cathy also discussed the possibility of having the trophies from the cancelled 2011 show changed to show 2016 for a date and use them for the upcoming Topsham Fair Show. Courtney offered to take the trophies to Day's Jewelry in Waterville to see if they might be able to change the date on the Trophies.

Publicity Report: No Report

Building and Land: Nancy stated that the bridge construction is complete. She is also going to be working on the kitchen door as it will not stay latched unless the deadbolt is used. Her 4-H club will be working on completing the painting of the arena and clubhouse over the upcoming months. She is also looking for some roofing shingles that can be added to the top of the bridge to keep horses from slipping on the wood. Cathy mentioned that during the Spring ride she discovered that there are bees in the well house and we do not have any bee / wasp spray. Nancy will be sure to pick some up and bring it to the club house. Dana mentioned that we should deodorize the bathroom holding tank. Nancy stated she will pick-up some deodorizer to be added to the tank. The search and rescue will be using the clubhouse and grounds for the weekend of 6/18 & 6/19 for training.

Fund Raising: The Haley Cummings fund raiser will be coming up in July. Set-up will be 7/1 with 7/2 & 7/3 providing food from the food both. Nancy said she was informed that there could be roughly \$1,000 attendees. Nancy will need plenty of volunteers as well as sweet treats. Cathy will give Nancy a check for the base expenses.

Food Committee Report: Per Nancy she is going to need plenty of volunteers for the Topsham Fair as well as donations of sweet treats.

Entertainment Committee Report: No report

Parade Committee Report: No report

Hospitality Committee Report: Michelle is now chair of this committee. Condolences to Julie for the loss of Echo.

Junior's Report: No report

Correspondence Report: Cathy state we received our renewal documents from the Maine Farm Bureau.

Old Business: Lynn mentioned she would like the club to follow-up with what was printed in the monthly newsletter with regards to starting a memory board for our beloved equines that have passed on. Possibly putting a photo of them inside a horse shoe then hanging on a specified area on the wall. Nancy mentioned the possibility of using the large yellow board that was taken down during the recent cleaning of the clubhouse.

New Business: The July meeting is scheduled to be held on 7/23.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: No report

Brag: No Report

Membership Count: 12 Seniors / 8 Dogs

Raffles or Mystery Gifts: No Report

Brag: No report

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Suzanna, seconded by Lynn and passed @ 8:17 p.m.

Board of Directors attendance:

Present: Sally, Nancy, Sandy, Donna, Cathy & Julie

Absent: Riley, Missy & Nora

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Craig, Secretary

Classified Ads

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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:

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Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the August issue is **July 23**. 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 –Vienna Ride, 7/20/2013. Julie Anderson on Echo.
- Page 3 bottom left – Frye Mountain Ride, 9/26/2009. Nick Morrill.
- Page 6 top right – Spring Ride in Litchfield, 6/12/2016. Cathy Small on Cy, Marsha Bonin on Spirit, Sally Labree on Reiko.