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## HOOFFBEATS

*Official Newsletter of The M T R A*

**THE NEXT MEETING IS  
MARCH 14, 2015**

### **Vice-President's Stall**

Congratulations everyone, we made it to March! With that extra hour of daylight and warm sun behind us, we can really start thinking about riding season. Hopefully those 5-foot snowdrifts will be gone by then, or we'll have some interesting trail obstacles!

We had a wonderful time at the banquet a few weeks ago, thanks to all who attended in spite of yet another storm threatening our fun. Everyone did a great job with delicious and creative potluck dishes. Nobody went home hungry! Congrats to all the horses and riders on their year-end awards, and to the juniors who were recognized for their hard work helping the club all year. We'd like to give special congratulations to Cathy Small for accruing enough time in the saddle to earn the awards for most rides AND most hours this year. And to Rick Casavant and his little dog Jack, who by unanimous vote, took home this year's Sportsmanship Award.

The next big event is our spring fun show, scheduled for May 9. We will need volunteers for the show; please let us know if you are interested in helping out. There will be a clean-up at the clubhouse in April once the snow melts, so stayed tuned for an update on date and time!

Our 2015 rides are getting added to the calendar, and will be updated on the website soon. So please check the website for latest updates, and let us know if you are interested in hosting a ride.

Our March meeting is this Saturday the 14th at the clubhouse.

Hope to see you there!

*Riley.*

**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.

### Refreshments volunteers for March:

Snacks: Carlene Iverson

Drinks: Missy Bourgoin



## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

**This is the only notice you will receive:**

**If your dues are not paid by April 1<sup>st</sup> you will no longer receive the Hoofbeats.**

## Junior Notices

Hi Junior's!

There will be a junior meeting at 7:00PM on March 14<sup>th</sup>, prior to the regular meeting. We will discuss a club supper in April.

*Nancy*

## 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.

Mar 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Apr 11 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

May 2-3 – Food Booth at Shamrock Stables

May 9 – MTRA spring fun show, at the MTRA club house

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May 16 – Junior run Food Booth at Safe Haven Farm

Jun 6 - \*\*Greene Ride (Missy Bourgoin – 946-5639)

Jun 13-14 - \*\*Spring Ride at MTRA club house

Jun 13 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jul 11 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jul 12 - \*\*Gardiner Mystery Murder Ride (Ginny Roseberry)

Aug 8 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Aug 8-9 - \*\*Roseberry Patch Ride in Richmond (Ginny Roseberry – 737-4989)

Sep 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Sep 12-13 - \*\*Fall Ride at MTRA club house

Sep 19 - \*\*Blazin' The Trail For A Cure Ride in Lisbon Falls (Sandy Craig – 353-8242)

Sep 20 - \*\*Lisbon Falls Ride (and rain date for Blazin' The Trail For A Cure Ride) (Sandy Craig – 353-8242)

1Oct 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Oct 17-18 - \*\*Parkman Ride (Donna Tripp)

Nov 1 – MTRA Fall Fun Show, at the MTRA club house

Nov 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Dec 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

## Ride Information

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

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

Phone: 207-582-2093

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

**Submitted by:** Nancy Weeks

**Called to order:** The Jan 10, 2015 meeting was called to order by Riley Morse at 7:33pm.

**Secretary's Report:** No secretaries report was available.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurers report was passed out and reviewed. Sally made a motion to accept and Nancy Weeks seconded. Cathy stated that new checking account is with Savings Bank of Maine.

**BOD Report:** No board of directors meeting.

**Trail Report:** Banquet is Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at West Gardiner Rod & Gun club. Trail committee meeting is Jan 12, 2015 at 7:00 at clubhouse. Need to check with Julie to see if she wants to chair the committee next year.

**Horse Show Report:** Sandy will run the May 9<sup>th</sup> spring show. No date set for the Topsham show since Trudy has the survey taken last year, need to check with her on survey results. The tentative date for the fall show is Sunday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. horse show committee meeting Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 at clubhouse.

**Publicity Report:** The club will have information at the Safe haven open house. Sandy will check with Trudy regarding the trail ride video.

**Building and Land Report:** Nora relayed the message that Rick would rather take this year off. No one offered to take over that position.

**Fund Raising Committee Report:** Club will have a food booth at Safe haven open house

**Food Committee Report:** Nothing to report

**Entertainment Committee Report:** Nothing

**Parade Committee Report:** No info on moxie until after their March meeting

**Hospitality Committee Report:** Cathy sent a check to Linda Daigle for the death of her husband.

**Junior's Report:** Met tonight to go over their test and make out paper for 2015. Juniors have an opportunity to do a food booth at Shamrock stables May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. nancy asked if someone

could put the tip of the month in the hoof beats. Cathy offered to do it.

**Correspondence Report:** None

**Old Business Report:** Books have not been audited. Nancy will take the books with her tonight and get it done.

Trudy need to go to the bank to get on the new checking account

**New Business Report:** The sign up sheet went around for committees.

**Remarks for the Good of the Order:** None

**Brags:** Missy brought in the new headstall that Rob (best husband in the world according to Missy) got her for Christmas. Riley bragged that her dog Fezzik had undergone Chemo for lymphoma and was very pleased to say that he is recovering nicely and acting like a puppy.

**Membership Count:** 16 seniors, 3 juniors & 8 dogs.

**Motion to adjourn:** Rachael made motion and Sally seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30ish Nancy Weeks, acting secretary.

## Tip of the Month

Information found under the Tip of the Month may be on the Junior Test at the end of the year.

### Mud-Managing Tips:

**Problem:** Standing in mud can increase your horses' risk of thrush (in their hooves) and scratches or mud fever (on their lower limbs).

**Strategies:** If mud can't be avoided in your horse's living space, at least keep manure picked up to limit your horse's exposure to bacteria. A 6-inch-deep application of stone dust on top of mud can sometimes lesson the muck in a chosen area, as can a generous piling on of sawdust. Ask your veterinarian about using a barrier cream or hoof coating to seal our moisture on your horse's feet and legs (these products should never be applied to already wet skin, however).

**At a minimum:** Inspect your horse's feet and legs and pick out their hooves regularly to check for and head off developing problems.

*Source: Horse & Rider Magazine, Feb 2014*

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mcgiver@tds.net)

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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 April issue is **March 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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