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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
OCTOBER 15, 2016**

President's Stall

Thank you very much to the folks that pitched in at our Litchfield Fair food booth. This was a successful fundraiser as usual. A very special thank you to Nancy Weeks for her many hours coordinating and cooking, and organizing all the workers. Another big and special thank you goes out to Rachel Jalbert-Palian, and her husband Steve. You both are real troopers and your help is very much appreciated!

We will be riding at the Bingham Railroad Bed on Sunday, October 2nd. Many of us may be wishing for rain, but let's wish for clear weather for riding and rain before and after!

New rides have also been added to the schedule for October 14, 15, and 16. The 14th will be a moonlight ride in Greene, the 15th will be a daytime ride in Greene, and on the 16th we will ride at the Androscoggin Riverlands State Park in Turner.

A Fall Fun Show has been scheduled for Sunday, October 23. In the case of inclement weather, the rain date for this show is Sunday, November 6. Please contact Nancy Weeks (207-557-3302) if you can help out in the food booth or donate food items. Please contact show manager Cathy Small (207-582-2093) if you can help out in general.

See you at the show, meetings, and on the trails!

Trudy.

Our Next Meeting:
October 15, 2016

Notice to Members



**Board of Directors Meeting – October 12, 7pm
at the clubhouse.**



**OCTOBER Membership meeting added for
October 15!**



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.

Oct 2 - ****Bingham Ride** (Nancy Weeks (207-557-3302)

Oct 5 – Musical event fundraiser committee meeting, MTRA clubhouse at 7PM

Oct 8-9 - ****Parkman Ride** (Donna Tripp 207-582-5532)

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

Oct 12 – Board of Directors meeting, MTRA clubhouse at 7PM

Oct 14 - ****Greene Moonlight Ride** (Melissa Bourgoin 207-576-2721)

Oct 15 - **** Greene Ride** (Melissa Bourgoin 207-576-2721)

Oct 15 – **Club meeting, at the MTRA club house**

Oct 16 - ****Androscoggin Riverlands Ride** (Nora MacDonald 207-319-8922)

Oct 23 – **Fall Fun Show** (Rain date Nov 6)

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



October ride information

October 2 – Bingham Railroad Bed Ride:

The ride will start at 10:00AM from the trail head parking lot on Route 201 in Bingham.

Directions are to get off the interstate at exit 133 in Fairfield. Take a right off the ramp and continue on Route 201 thru Skowhegan and Solon. 7 miles north of Solon you come down a slight grade into the built up area of Bingham. Parking is on the right. I'll have signs.

This is a multi-use trail so there could be a lot of 4 wheelers.

It is 2 hours along the Kennebec River to the lunch spot at the boat launch. If someone was able to bring my truck with picnic tables and stove, I would provide soup for lunch. If not, then you'll have to bring your own.

Other than crossing the road to access the trail, this is all off road so dogs are welcome.

Any questions, call Nancy Weeks 207-557-3302.



October 8 & 9 – Parkman Ride sponsored by Donna Tripp (207-582-5532):

Camping is available Friday through Sunday. Bring water and spread manure in the field because this is a hayfield we camp in. There will be a lot of gravel roads so if your horse is tender footed you may want shoes. These trails are also accessible by cart if anyone wants to drive.

The rides start at 10:00. Saturday’s ride will be 3-4 hours. Pack your lunch for Saturday as it will be on the trail. Sunday’s ride will be about 3 hours, and there will be a chowder or stew for lunch at a camp.

A “Make Your Own Pizza” Party will be held Saturday night courtesy of the landowners. Please bring a favorite pizza topping, salad, or sweet treat to share.

Directions:

Take I-95 to Newport Exit 157. Take a left on Route 7 North to Dexter; take first left after Hannaford supermarket on Route 23 North. Go 1.5 miles, and take 2nd left after the lake onto Cambridge Road, watch for signs. Continue for 4 miles the field we will be camping in is on the right, watch for signs.

Contact info: Donna Tripp 207-582-5532 at home until Oct 7th, or cellphone 207-446-7982 (reception is iffy at camp).



October 10 – Mt Vernon Columbus Day Ride sponsored by Walt Williams (207-293-3068):

The affiliated ride is on Monday, October 10. The ride will begin at 10:00 and be about 3-4 hours.

There will be a potluck supper on Sunday night, October 9.

Campers are welcome for the weekend. Please check out where you plan to park by walking the area before driving in. Also, please unload horses before driving trailers far into the field. This is a beautiful place to camp and ride! You will need to bring your own water.

Directions:

From Manchester, take Rt. 17 towards Readfield. Go about 5 miles. Cross the railroad tracks, turn right onto the North Road just after the tracks. Then turn right onto the Weeks Mill Road. Go straight at the first stop sign, road bears right about 1 mile from stop sign. Bear left and go straight up the hill, this is the Cottle Hill Road. After this road turns to dirt, take the next Right down a camp road. Go through a green gate and parking will be in the field wherever you wish. Please unload horses before driving trailers far into the field as if there has been rain there may be soft areas.

Any questions contact Walt @ 207-293-3068.



October 14 & 15 – Greene Rides:

Friday nights ride will be a full moon ride that will depart the parking area at 7:30 PM and will be about 2 hours long. We will ride a combination of wooded trails and open fields. There will be 2 stream crossings.

Saturday's ride will depart at 10:00 AM and lunch will be on the trail so plan accordingly. The ride will be about 3.5 to 4 hours and will be a combination of soft sand footing to very rocky as we traverse down a washed out county road. Water is available to the horses on the trail.

Misc Info:

Camping is available for anyone interested Friday to Sunday. If you have been here before you know the parking is tight so there is not a lot of room for individual paddocks and your neighbors will be close but we make the best of it. There are a limited # of stalls available (provide your own bedding or baled shavings are available @ \$5 a bale), please call ahead to reserve a stall. There are also round pen panels which can be made into small paddocks outside.

Saturday night we will order pizza before carpooling to Litchfield for the club meeting.

Sunday we will pack up and drive 5 minutes to the parking area in Turner for Sundays ride at Androscoggin Riverlands State Park.

Directions to Greene:

GPS Address: 61 Additon Rd, Greene, ME 04236. Additon Rd is 4 miles off Route 202 in Greene. There is a 24 hour Irving station (former Landry's Quick Stop) for anyone needing gas or diesel.

Any questions, please call Missy Bourgoin at 207-576-2721.



October 16 – Androscoggin Riverlands State Park Ride:

Ride begins at 10 AM. I recommended that horses be shod or have boots, as the footing is a mixed bag of gravel roads and pine needles. Lunch will be out on the trail so pack what you would like to eat and drink, and a halter to tie your horse up. The ride will be about 3.5-4.5 hours with a 1 hour break for lunch.

There is water for the horses out on the trail, but none available in the parking area.

Parking is at the Androscoggin Riverlands State Park which is on Center Bridge Rd in Turner.

Directions to Turner:

From Augusta or Lewiston: Take Route 202 to Greene. At the flashing yellow light (24 hour Irving station (former Landry's Quick Stop)) turn onto Allen Pond Road towards Turner. Follow Allen Pond rd till you cross the Androscoggin River. Go approx. .3 miles and the parking area for the Turner Riverlands is on the left. Look for MTRA yellow signs. If you should pass the parking area, about 1 mile up the road is a place where you can turn around.

Any questions, please feel free to give me (Nora MacDonald) a call 207-319-8922.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Michelle Morris

MTRA General Membership Meeting – May 14, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by President Trudy Bickford.

There was no Secretary's report for August due to there not being enough member's in attendance to hold a meeting.

Treasurer's report. Copies of July & August Treasurer's Report was passed out and discussed. There were some errors within the report, so this will be reread during our October meeting.

BOD: There has been no meeting but a meeting was scheduled for October 12th @ 7:00pm at the Clubhouse to discuss future of the MTRA Junior Program.

Committees: Trail: It was discussed that there are several open weekends for rides in October, and we are looking for more people to sponsor trail rides to fill our fall riding calendar. Melissa Bourgoin volunteered to hold a trail ride on October 2nd (more info TBA.) Dana Larry made report about the Fall ride, discussed bridge on the Old Lunts Hill Road Trail being out due to logging. Melissa Bourgoin proposed increasing the Trail Riding fee to \$5 & removing the fee for riders under the age of 16 years- this will be discussed further during the BOD Meeting on October 12th.

Horse Show: Discussed our Fall Fun Show, date was set for October 23rd with Rain Date of November 6th. Horse Show Committee will meet on September 28th at 7:00pm at Clubhouse to finalize all times and class list information. There was also discussion on allowing Show Manager's to ride during future events held.

Publicity: No report.

Building & Land: Nancy Weeks mentioned that she will be doing more work on backside of wall at Clubhouse once the poison Ivy is gone. Melissa Bourgoin brought up ideas to make the MTRA Property more usable as a rental property by more actively maintaining the grounds with regular ring maintenance every week. Michelle Morris brought up revisiting previous discussions to install lighting for the arena. More discussions will take place ongoing.

Fund Raising: Melissa Bourgoin would like to propose that we host a musical event for next Summer featuring either "Veggies By Day" or "Emerald Sky" and make this a big bash which would be open to the public. Discussed starting a committee in order to plan the event. Proposed meeting on October 5th at 7:00pm at clubhouse for initial planning discussions.

Food: N/A.

Entertainment: N/A

Parade: N/A.

Hospitality: N/A.

Juniors: N/A.

Correspondences: N/A.

Old Business: N/A.

New Business: Discussed need to nominate new officers. Nancy Weeks' and Brenda Larry will do nominations.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: Melissa Bourgoin wanted to thank Nancy Weeks for all her hard work for her organizations of Food Booth. Also it was decided to thank Steve for all his volunteering on behalf of the club with a piece of MTRA apparel. Melissa Bourgoin made motion for this, and Michelle Morris' 2nd this motion. Permissions were granted for the Search & Rescue group to utilize facility and grounds on December 10th from 10:00am-2:00pm. Also granted permission for the Loose Shoe 4-H Club to continue using facility the 2nd Thursday of each month for meetings.

Brag: Julie Anderson- Finished her chemotherapy treatment & was able to have her port removed. Michelle Morris- Received go-ahead from her Orthopedic Doctor to ride again following breaking her foot.

Membership Count: 9 Srs. 0 Jrs. 5 Dogs.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted Michelle Morris, Secretary.

Upcoming Dates of Note:

September 28th- Horse Show Committee

October 2nd- Melissa Bourgoin's Trail Ride (More info TBA)

October 5th- Fundraisers

BOD Meeting- October 12th

General Membership Meeting- October 15th

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General Information

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<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 Michelle 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 November issue is **October 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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This month's pictures:

- Page 1 top right –8/20/2016 Bowdoin Ride lunchbreak. Dana Lary and Marianne Cogswell.
- Page 2 top right – West Gardiner Ride, 9/24/2016. Cathy Small on Cy.
- Page 3 top right – West Gardiner Ride, 9/25/2016. Walt Williams on Chief.
- Page 6 bottom right – West Gardiner Ride, 9/25/2016. Missy Bourgoin on Ace.