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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**

President's Stall

Nancy will be needing volunteers for the food booth at the Litchfield Fair Food Booth. 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.

We have some trail ride schedule changes. The Lisbon Ride on September 25 has been cancelled. We now have on the schedule two days in West Gardiner instead. Camping by the pond at the beautiful Cobbossee Valley View Farm in West Gardiner is available for Friday and Saturday nights.

Also changing is the Parkman Ride, which had been scheduled for October 1 and 2. That ride is now scheduled for October 8-9.

There several weekends open in October for rides to be hosted! If you can sponsor a single day ride, or a weekend ride, contact Cathy and we will get it onto the schedule and send out notices.

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

Trudy.

**Our Next Meeting:
September 17, 2016**

Notice to Members



Litchfield Fair Food booth

September 9-11

Volunteers are needed for helping out in the food booth, plus food donations! If you can help or donate, please contact Nancy Weeks (207-557-3302)



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.

Sep 9-11 – Litchfield Fair Food Booth

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

Sep 12 - **Andover Ride (Walt Williams 207-293-3068)

Sep 17 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

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

Sep 24-25 – **West Gardiner Ride (Cathy Small 207-582-2093)

Oct 8-9 - **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

Trivia Fun!

The roller in the port of a curb bit is called what?

- A. fly
- B. cricket
- C. roach

Ride Information

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

Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com

Phone: 207-582-2093

September ride information

September 17 & 18 – Fall Ride from the MTRA Club house in Litchfield:

Join us for a day or the entire weekend, campsites are available.

The rides on each day will start at 10:00AM.

There will be a potluck supper on Saturday night, starting at 6:30. The club meeting will start at 7:30, followed by a campfire with S'mores.

The club's physical address is 6 Tutt Lane, Litchfield, ME. Just in case you want to use a GPS to find us.

For more information, contact Dana Lara at 207-353-4901.



September 24 & 25 – West Gardiner Ride sponsored by Cathy Small:

Campers are welcome for Friday and Saturday nights. We have planned on camping in this location for the past couple of years but the weather has not cooperated. There is room for portable fencing and water for the horses is available from the pond. We will have a central location for a fire pit, weather permitting. I'm sure you will agree this is a beautiful location and I'd like to thank Gary & Maria Quintal, owners of Cobbossee Valley View Farm. Please come and enjoy.

The ride on Saturday will begin at 10:00 and be about 3-4 hours with a lunch break out on the trail. The terrain will be 95% trails with road crossings and possibly some dirt roads. Remember your halter and lead lines and your saddlebag lunch.

The ride on Sunday will begin at 10:00 and will be about 3 hours long. Any questions contact Cathy @ 207-582-2093.

Directions:

From 295 and 95 West Gardiner Exits, head east towards Lewiston on Rt. #126. Go 3 miles to a yellow blinking light at Spears Corner. Turn right onto Spears Corner Road. Go 1/2 mile in and turn right into a driveway (across from my driveway, which is on the left). Follow the MTRA signs.

Coming from Lewiston come out Rt. 126, go past the Dennis Hill Road (the turn to go to the clubhouse) stay on Rt. 126 passing 126 Citgo Gas Station and go over the Cobbossee Stream Bridge (this is the Litchfield/West Gardiner line). Horseshoe Pond will be on your right. When you come to the yellow blinking light at the intersection of Bog Hill Road (on your right) and Spears Corner Road (on your left) take the left onto the Spears Corner Road. Go 1/2 mile in and turn right into a driveway (across from my driveway, which is on the left). Follow the MTRA signs.



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

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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:

yuppitsmichelle@yahoo.com

Trivia Answer

B. The roller in the port of a curb bit is called a cricket.

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Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the October issue is **September 20**. 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 –8/16/2014 West Gardiner Ride lunchbreak.
- Page 2 bottom right – Fall Ride in Litchfield, 2013. Karen Brown on Valentine, and Julie Anderson on Echo.
- Page 3 top right – Pond at Cobbossee Valley View Farm, in the field where we camp for the West Gardiner Ride.