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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

THE NEXT MEETING IS
FEBRUARY 8, 2014

President's Stall

I hope you all have had a wonderful time with friends and family this holiday season!

We had an awesome Christmas party in December! It sure was a lot of fun. We had lots of good food for potluck supper, a short membership meeting, and a good time with a Yankee Christmas swap. Although there was not a lot of "stealing" taking place, there were some good threats and lots of fun and laughter.

The banquet is coming up fast. It will be held on Saturday, January 11, at the West Gardiner Rod and Gun Club. Festivities begin at 5PM. If you have not sent in your registration, it is not too late! We need to give the caterer a count for the meals to be provided, so, please give Cathy a phone call or send an email to reserve your meal as soon as possible.

You can reach Cathy:

By phone: 207-582-2093.

By email to: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com.

Is there someone that you think has been a great benefactor for our club? You can help recognize them by sending in nominations for the Sportsmanship Award. At the banquet we will read the nominations and vote in the 2013 award recipient.

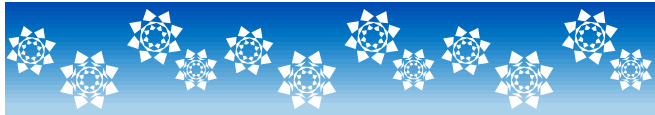
Cathy is accepting dates for rides. Please contact Cathy if you wish to plan a ride for 2014.

See you at the banquet and upcoming meetings and events. Stay warm, and please travel safe!

Trudy

Our Next Meeting February 8,
2014 at 7:30PM

Notice to Members



BANQUET!
January 11, 2014
5-11PM



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.

Event Information

Banquet information

The yearly banquet will be held on January 11th. Social hour starts at 5PM. Please see the registration and agenda for the night's schedule.

We will be drawing prize items throughout the night as we did last year. You must be present to win. All attendees are automatically entered in the drawing for prizes.

Sportsmanship Award

This is a reminder we need nominations for the Sportsmanship Award for 2013. We will be taking nominations until the night of the banquet. 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:

- 2008 – Sally LaBree
- 2009 – Becky Wallace
- 2010 – Rob Gilson
- 2011 – Trudy Bickford
- 2012 – Nancy Weeks

Please forward your nominations for 2013 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 11 – Yearly awards banquet

- Feb 8 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
- Mar 8 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
- Apr 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
- May 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
- Jun 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
- Jul 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
- Aug 9 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
- Sep 13 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
- Oct 11 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
- Nov 8 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
- Dec 13 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Special Thank You!

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the kindness shown to us! For those of you that do not know what took place, a very large number of Trail Riders organized, cut, split and delivered enough dry wood to help us through the winter. They also helped put it in the cellar. We are so honored to know that we have friends that think enough of us to do this. I hope that when you people reach your Social Security age, you will have as many friends to watch out for you as we did. This act of kindness assures us that we will be able to enjoy another year of Trail Riding and camping with our good Trail Riding friends, for another summer. This has boosted our moral at a time when we really needed it. It was a rough summer, for those that had trouble or lost animals, and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to them! We are very lucky people and are now counting our blessings and looking forward to a good Riding Season! Thank you again, Maine Trail Riders!

Brenda & Dana

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Called to order: 7:06pm (December 14, 2013)

Guest Introduction: Grace, Missy's 3 month old niece and Robert, Julie's 3 week old grandson.

Secretary's Report: Accepted with correction, Nancy motioned and Donna seconded, passed

Treasurer's Report: Read and Accepted, Filed

BOD Report: No Report.

Trail Report: Banquet theme this year will be rodeo bling. Will send out information soon, will have DJ for music.

Horse Show Report: Junior's did a great job at fall Horse Show.

Publicity Report: No Report, anything contact Becky.

Building and Land Report: No Report.

Fund Raising Committee Report: Scrapbooking again next year, either February 8th or March 1,

2014.

Food Committee Report: No Report. Had a great potluck supper tonight.

Entertainment Committee Report: No Report Looking for ideas.

Parade Committee Report: No Report.

Hospitality Committee Report: Correction to last month's report Brenda and Dana lost dog not horse.

Drill Team Report: No Report

Junior's Report: Meeting was held tonight and test was giving.

Correspondence Report : Thank you card was sent from Dana and Brenda for wood.

Cathy received notice from insurance company that policy will be changing from a one million dollar one claim coverage to a two million dollar two claim coverage, with a \$75.00 increase in premium. Nancy motioned to accept new insurance policy coverage, Missy seconded, passed.

Old Business Report: BOD sign up sheet. Thank you from Lynn for Bazin' n Trail help, raised \$1,111.00. Trudy raised the most money and won free membership. Drawing for early membership dues paid was won by Laura Batchelder.

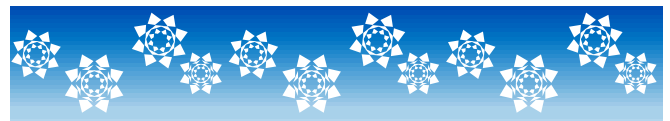
New Business Report: No Report.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: Turn clock back.

**Membership Count: Senior Members: 24
Junior Members: 3 Dogs: 4**

Raffles and /or mystery gift: No mystery gift, Brag: Ashley Weeks has new horse name Veggie.

Motion to adjourn: Missy motioned, Nora seconded passed. meeting ended at 7:30pm Christmas party held after meeting.



Wanted!**Cowboy Boots**

Wanted 4 - 5 pairs of your old cowboy boots. They can be short, tall, lace ups or pull on and please don't worry if they are worn out, scratched or dirty, all that just gives them more character and will suite my needs better. If you have a pair I might be interest in, please feel free to bring them to the December meeting or call me and we can meet up.

Contact information: Phone 207-576-2721 or e-mail gamblingforcash@yahoo.com.

Thank you,
Missy

**Double-bottom Plow**

Wanted: a double-bottom plow to fit on a Category 1 three-point hitch.

Call Dana Morse at 207.841.4899 or by email at kwaifrang@gmail.com

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Location is 1/16 mile from the Maine Trail Riders clubhouse in Litchfield.

Call Julie Anderson: (207) 446-1604

**Brookside Wash and Mend**

Horse blanket washing and light mending.

Rates and Services:

Washing: Medium/Heavy weight - \$15.
Sheets (nylon, cotton, fly) - \$10
Saddle Pads (heavy) - \$10
Saddle Pads (light) - \$8
Fly Masks - \$3

Repairs: Minor repairs (rips/tears) - \$10

*Please note that all items will require a wash before repairing.

*All MTRA Members – 10% off and 10% will be donated to the club

Contact: Donna LeBlond

32 David Drive, Auburn, ME 207-577-6063

**Land for Sale**

Approx. 13 acres of open field

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Horse For Sale!

Abby, aka Robie Sue's independence 22 year old bay Morgan mare, trail safe, good feet don't require shoes, up to date on shots.
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Rabbit House!

A Tractor supply rabbit house for sale, for \$25.
Call Nancy Weeks 207-557-3302



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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- 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?

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Lisbon Computer Tech 353-2557
IT Mgr at local company TimVerrill@roadrunner.com



Saddle Pad!

Tucker wool felt saddle pad for sale. It is in excellent condition. Asking \$50.00

Call Sally 207-933-9163



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.

Publicity

Please help Becky Wallace by sending her any updates or tips for publicity. Becky can be reached via email at: BLWallace@live.com.

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Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the February issue is **January 25**. 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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2012 Banquet