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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

Vice President's Stall

After a wet start, the summer is shaping up pretty nicely, and the hay is on schedule! Some of you lucky folks already have your haylofts filled. The first two rides in June were fantastic with beautiful weather and a great turnout. Thanks Nora and Missy for another couple of fun rides in Turner and Greene.

May's rained out fun show was held on June 14th, making for a busy spring ride weekend. We ultimately had to cancel the Saturday morning trail ride because of rain, but the clouds lifted, the sun came out and all had a great day. Thanks to all the members and friends who turned out to help and participate. And a special thanks to Sandy and Missy for their extra effort coordinating the show and the food booth. These shows are a great fundraiser and promotion for the club. Sunday's ride went off without a hitch on some beautiful trails deep in the heart of Litchfield. Thanks Julie! We wrapped the month up in Newport on an absolutely gorgeous day led by Brenda and Dana. Here's hoping the rest of the summer is just as lovely!

July slows down a bit in terms of rides, but don't forget the Moxie parade on the 12th! If you are interested in riding in the parade, let Trudy know. We are meeting at Sandy Craig's farm in Lisbon Falls. You can also park at the middle school near our staging area. We are also planning for the Topsham Fair, right around the corner in August.

Lynn Aube is starting work on September's Blazin' A Trail ride. You can register and start fundraising anytime. If you would like to order a t-shirt, you will need to do so by the August meeting. More details inside the newsletter.

Riley

Our Next Meeting July 12, 2014
at 7:30PM

Notice to Members



Horses are needed for the Moxie Parade – July 12!

Details are under Parade information.



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 6 – **Vienna Mountain Ride in Mt. Vernon (Michelle Morris)

Jul 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jul 12 - Moxie Day Parade

Jul 25-27 - **Vienna Ride (Julie Anderson 446-1604)

Aug 2 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Aug 3 – Topsham Fair Horse Show

Aug 9-10 – Shirley Ride (Brenda & Dana Lary 353-4901) - not affiliated (this will not count towards awards).

Aug 16 - **West Gardiner Ride (Cathy Small 582-2093)

Aug 17 - **Ride location TBA (Sally Labree 933-9163)

Aug 23-24 - **Roseberry Patch Ride in Richmond (Ginny Roseberry 737-4989)

Sep 5-7 - Litchfield Fair Food Booth

Sep 13-14 **Andover Ride (Walt Williams 293-3068)

Sep 20 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Sep 20-21 - **Fall Ride from the MTRA club house

Sep 27 - **Blazin' The Trail For A Cure in Lisbon Falls (Sandy Craig 353-8242)

Sep 28 – Lisbon Falls Ride (and Rain date for the Blazin' The Trail For A Cure ride) (Sandy Craig 353-8242)

Oct 4-5 - Kennebec Morgan Farm Ride in Woolwich (Kate Race 522-5587 & Carlene Iverson) – not affiliated (this will not count towards awards).

Oct 11-13 - **Mt. Vernon (Walt Williams and Sandy Zack 293-3068)

Oct 18-19 - **Parkman Ride (Donna Tripp and Ashley Weeks 582-5532)

Oct 25 – Fall Fun Show at the clubhouse

Nov 8 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Dec 13 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

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Earl's 90th Birthday, his wish was to ride his horse Danny one more time. Thank Nancy, Brenda, and Dana for at allowing him to ride, even if it was not Danny Boy!

Moxie Parade Information

We need 10 horses (or ponies!) for the parade! The parade is starting at 10AM this year. Check-in begins at 7AM. Line up with be at the Lisbon high school. All must be lined up on Capital Avenue no later than 9:00AM. Riders can meet at Sandy Craig's, but you need to arrive EARLY or you will not be able to get through because the road will be blocked for the road race.

Call Trudy at 207-720-0550 or email trudybickford@roadrunner.com if you need more information. You can also go to this website: <http://moxiefestival.com/festival-schedule/>.

Ride Information

The calendar has filled up fast! Contact the trail secretary, Cathy Small, to sponsor a ride:

Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com

Phone: 207-582-2093

July ride information

July 6 – Vienna Mountain Ride in Mt. Vernon sponsored by Michelle Morris:

This ride starts at 10am. This ride is not for the horse that can't handle climbing. While it is not difficult, the route is on a tar road with a constant incline. This takes us up to the top which is covered in a crown of blueberries. Lunch will be on the trail.

Parking will be at the field between the Grange Hall and the Historical Society.

Directions:

From Manchester take Route 17 north 9.6 miles to Kents Hill. Bear right onto Route 41. Continue into Mt. Vernon village and follow route 41. In another couple miles the Grange hall will be on your left.

For more information, contact Julie Anderson at 207-446-1604.



July 25-27 - 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.



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Donna LeBlond

Called to order: 7:37pm

Guest Introduction: No guest

Secretary's Report: Accepted as posted in Hoof beats with changes to Old Business, should be check was given to Nora not Nancy, Donna Tripp motioned and Nancy seconded, passed

Treasurer's Report: Read and filed

BOD Report: No report. Meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 26th 7pm at clubhouse.

Trail Report: Spring ride is June 14th and 15th starts at 9am, hope it doesn't rain. Nancy repaired the trail, submitted a bill for materials. There was a decision on rides that need proof of shots, some owners are requiring shots to be on their property. Julie motioned that the ride sponsor is to list if shots are required and what is needed, Sally seconded, 2 opposed, rest in favor, motion passed. Trail meeting was requested, meeting scheduled for Thursday June 26th 7pm @ clubhouse.

Horse Show Report: Spring Horse Show June 14th start at 2:30, help is needed. Need to reimburse Julie for use of tractor. Sandy motioned to reimburse Julie \$30.00 for use of tractor, Donna Tripp seconded, motion passed. Ring looks good.

Publicity Report: No report

Building and Land Report: Rick is requesting \$50.00 for 2 x 4's boards for repair of gate and gutters. Nora motioned to give Rick the \$50.00 for materials, Sandy seconded, motion passed.

Fund Raising Committee Report: No report, looking for ideas.

Food Committee Report: No Report. Need help at food booth for Spring Fun Show and Maine Quarter Horse show on Sunday June 15th.

Entertainment Committee Report: No report, need ideas.

Parade Committee Report: Moxie Day parade will be July 12th. Need 10 riders, club will be getting paid this year to ride in the parade, may change next year. Looking for someone to fill out paperwork and contact the Moxie committee, also need a pooper scooper (will be paid \$50.00) and an e-mail needs to be sent out to see who will be riding in parade. If planning on parking at Sandy's need to tell police you will be at pony rides not parade so they will let you through.

Hospitality Committee Report: Sent card to Stephanie Brownell for getting married.

Drill Team Report: No report

Junior's Report: Junior's had a meeting tonight. Lynn asked if they would do a hospitality table at the Blazin' A Trail ride and to map out the route for the ride, it will be in a shape of a ribbon, balloons will mark the trail. Torrie spent her Junior money on a new halter for her horse.

Correspondence Report : Ad for Equestrian Yoga Classes at Al Dube's Quarter Horse in Biddeford. Bill from Rogers Insurance for \$126.00 for bond for 3 years. Rick motioned to pay bill, Donna Tripp seconded, motion passed.

Old Business Report: BOD sign up sheet. Litchfield Conservation Committee asked if the horse community would be interested in the use of the gravel pit. Need to get rid of the used motor oil buckets need to keep one.

New Business Report: Lynn Aube passed around the registration forms and donation envelopes for

Blazin' A Trail need to be done early, ride date is September 27th with a rain date of September 28th registration starts at 9:00. Julie motioned who ever gets most donations gets a MTRA single membership, Donna Tripp seconded, motion passed. Donna Tripp will be taking orders for the memory cards, Cathy Small will be taking the registration money. Trudy will post the ride on the website and in the hoofbeats. Anyone who will be camping in the field at Sandy's, please clean up the hay in the field she has a horse with allergies.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: Nancy had someone ask if they could bury a horse on the MTRA property, no that is something we can not do.

**Membership Count: Senior Members: 19
Junior Members: 5 Dogs: 3**

Raffles and /or mystery gift: No mystery gift, Brag: Suzanne has new horse trailer and sold her old horse trailer.

Motion to adjourn: Brenda motioned, Nora seconded passed. meeting ended at 8:50pm.

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



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.

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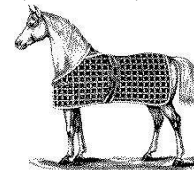
Washing: Medium/Heavy weight - \$15.
Sheets (nylon, cotton, fly) - \$10
Saddle Pads (heavy) - \$10
Saddle Pads (light) - \$8
Fly Masks - \$3

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



Rubber English riding boots!

I have several pairs of rubber English riding boots for sale \$5 each.

Call Nancy Weeks 207-557-3302



Boarding available in new barn

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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.

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 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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