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## HOOFBEATS

*Official Newsletter of The M T R A*

### President's / Vice President's Stall

We started the riding season off last month with a Mother's Day ride in Jay, with 10 riders to start and 2 more that met us on the trail later. It was an awesome ride and a great way to start the trail season.

Then we hit a snag with the weather and regretfully had to postpone the May 17<sup>th</sup> Fun Show due to rain that wouldn't go away in spite of all the rain dances!

We have rescheduled the fun show for June 14<sup>th</sup>. This is also the date of the spring ride, so you can be sure it will be a busy weekend at the clubhouse!

Important details:

- The June meeting will be on **Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>** instead of Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> as the show will likely go until dark on Saturday.
- The food booth will be open and cooking dinner Saturday, so if you are there to camp and ride, you can plan on buying some delicious MTRA food for dinner!

Details on the show are in the newsletter. Please note the later start time of 2:30 pm to accommodate a morning trail ride. If you are not riding, and looking to help, we can use some volunteers and baked goods!

A big thanks to everyone who came and helped with the clubhouse cleanups. We got a lot done in the front area, and thank you to the members that cleaned up the back since the last meeting! On May 31<sup>st</sup> a group from MeQHA and MTRA spent the morning cleaning rocks from the ring. Wait until you see how nice our ring looks!

Also note that the MeQHA show was rescheduled for Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>. Details on that show can be found on the MeQHA website:

<http://www.meqha.org/>

We hope to see you at the Spring Ride/meeting/fun show weekend!

*Riley & Trudy*

**Our Next Meeting June 13,  
2014 at 7:30PM**

## Notice to Members



**The JUNE meeting will be on FRIDAY,  
June 13, 7:30 PM.**

**PLEASE NOTE – there will be a junior  
meeting at 7PM!**



**The Spring Fun Show will be held on  
Saturday, June 14, with registration at  
1:30 and a 2:30 show start.**



## Junior Notices

Junior meeting Friday, June 13, at 7:00!

We will be helping to get things ready for the MQHA show.

*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.

Jun 7 - \*\*Turner Ride (Nora MacDonald 319-8922)

Jun 8 - \*\*Greene Ride (Melissa Bourgoin 946-5639)

Jun 13 – Junior meeting, 7PM at the MTRA club house

Jun 13 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jun 14-15 - \*\*Spring Ride from the MTRA club house

**Jun 14 – Spring Fun Show, at the MTRA club house (registration starts at 1:30PM, show starts at 2:30)**

**Jun 15 – MeQHA Spring Horse Show, at the MTRA club house**

Jun 29 – \*\*Newport RR Bed Ride (Dana Lary 353-4901)

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 13 – \*\*Gardiner Ride (Ginny Roseberry 737-4989)

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

### Trail Riding Thoughts

I would like to express some thoughts that I have on the new policy that was voted on not to be able to affiliate a Ride if the property owner requires proof of basic shots for the horses. I don't think it is unreasonable for property owners to require this for their protection! It may not sound fair to participants who are trying for the most rides but it is too bad to lose money for not being able to take advantage of these rides.

Most people who have horses attending these rides, have shots for their horses to assure that they are healthy. I personally think this should be encouraged to promote good Horsemanship. I have had to cancel the Blanchard Ride which was an affiliated ride and I have found a new area In Shirley. But I cannot Affiliate it because of the policy that we enacted about not affiliating if horses do not have proper shots. That date will be open for an affiliated ride but I have the feeling that my Ride will have more attendance which means we will be losing money if somebody plans an affiliated Ride on that date. I have to believe that most of the riders participating in the program have shots for their Horses.

Dana Lary

### Ride Information

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

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

Phone: 207-582-2093

### June ride information

**June 7 – Turner Ride sponsored by Nora MacDonald:**

Ride starts at 10:00 am.

Riders will need to bring a pack lunch, halters and lead lines as we will be having lunch on the trail. We will be out about 4 hours not including lunch time.

Footing at the Turner Game Preserve can be rocky so I would recommend shoes or boots for horses with tender feet. There are a few hills but nothing serious. This area is a multi-use area, expect to encounter, 4 wheelers, dirt bikes, mountain bikes, and hikers. Dogs are welcome; there are no road crossings.

**Directions from Augusta:** take Route 202 South to Greene. At flashing yellow light take right onto Allen Pond Rd. Follow Allen Pond Road for about 5 miles. After crossing a large metal bridge over the Androscoggin River, (road name changes to Center Bridge Road) proceed approximately a quarter mile, parking lot is on the left. Look for yellow MTRA signs.

**Directions from Lewiston:** take Route 202 North to Greene. Take left on Allen Pond Road and then follow the directions above.

Have any questions? Contact Nora at 207-319-8922.





### June 8 - Greene Ride sponsored by Melissa Bourgoin:

We will departing the parking area at 10:00 AM.

Pack a brown bag lunch and halters, we will stop for a minimum of 1 hour for lunch. If it is going to be a VERY warm day we will ride to the lake so think about packing swim suits and towels and the lunch break will be a little longer. Terrain will be a mix of gravel trails, sand and rock, shoes recommended for tender footed horses.

This ride will be approximately 4 hours and is dog friendly.

**Directions:** GPS address is 61 Additon Rd, Greene. Take Route 202 North or South into Greene. At the flashing yellow light turn onto Allen Pond Rd (Irving Gas Station on the corner). Follow Allen Pond Rd 4 miles. Turn right on Additon Road, we are the 6<sup>th</sup> Driveway on the right. Parking is tight, if you will be under time restrictions when we return please let me know so that we can get you parked somewhere so you can get out first.

Note: Camping is available Saturday night for anyone interested in staying over after the ride in Turner. We will have a camp fire and pot luck supper. Limited number of stalls available for those camping. Please RSVP to hold a stall.

Questions, contact Missy at 576-2721 or [gamblingforcash@yahoo.com](mailto:gamblingforcash@yahoo.com)



### June 14 & 15 – Spring Ride from the MTRA club house:

The ride on Saturday will start at 9AM, and we anticipate being back at the clubhouse around 12:30. There will be about 3 hours of riding and a ½ hour break.

Sunday's ride will begin at 9:30. It will be about 4 to 4.5 hours of riding, with an hour lunch break on the trail.

We will try to keep the ride on trails however there will be some road riding as well.

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



### June 29 – Newport RR Bed Ride sponsored by Dana Lary:

Ride starts at 10 am. Please note that 4-wheelers may be using the trail. We will be riding on the old railroad bed for 7 miles to Corinna. There is a small restaurant, which will be our lunch spot. We will have a menu with us so we can call in an order before we arrive. There are only a few places to tie horses, but a grassy area is available to hold lead lines or ground tie. We will have to cross one major road twice. Please be sure to clean up any hay and manure from the parking area before leaving.

**Directions:** Take I-95 north to exit 157. Take Left off the ramp and Left onto route 11. Go straight thru the traffic light. Parking is on the right just after Seabasticook Federal Credit Union. This is about 45 minutes of traveling time from Augusta.

If you have any questions, contact Dana Lary at 207-353-4901.



## General Membership Meeting Minutes

**Submitted by Riley Young Morse**

**Called to order:** 7:33pm (May 10)

**Guest Introduction:** Laurie Spaulding and Becky Parker joined as new members. Michelle Morris has moved back to Litchfield from Houston, TX.

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted as posted in Hoofbeats, Rick motioned and Suzanna seconded, Passed

**Treasurer's Report:** Read and filed report for April

**BOD Report:** No Report.

**Trail Report:** New list of rides is posted at the clubhouse, it's the same as in Hoofbeats and on the website.

A meeting to plan the spring ride is needed. Should hold after the fun show on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Date set for Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the clubhouse.

The Jay ride on May 11<sup>th</sup> will start at 10:00am

The Kennebec Morgan Farm ride scheduled for October has a helmet, vaccine and Coggins test requirement. Cathy raised the issue that this is problematic for some. If it is an affiliated ride, it could eliminate this opportunity for those looking to accrue hours. It should be discussed at an upcoming meeting whether this ride should be affiliated. Sandy asked Trudy to speak to Kate to see if this is a requirement of the estate and to confirm that it applies to campers as well as day riders.

**Horse Show Report:** Missy is looking for volunteer to run kitchen for Saturday's fun show as she is riding. Brenda volunteered and will run the kitchen, Missy, Cathy and Nora will help. Baked goods are needed. Meet at the clubhouse Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to prep. Cathy will pick up hamburger at Fuller's.

Nora and Rick will run the MeQHA show food booth. Baked goods and volunteers needed for both days.

**Publicity Report:** Becky Wallace has been the

publicity person, but is no longer a member. If anyone is interested in this role, please talk to Trudy.

**Building and Land Report:** The side door will not open because of frost heaves. Stairs need work. Rick will trim them so they are flush with the door.

Rick would like to mount cabinets on the wall inside the clubhouse, no objections.

Work bee was held last month; Rick wants to thank everyone who turned out. He motioned to give Julie \$30 for fuel, Nancy seconded, motion passed.

We need another one before the Spring Ride. There is a still lot of brush in the back camping area that needs moving. A work bee for May 31<sup>st</sup> was set. Others mentioned they would come during the week to lend a hand.

Suzanna suggested we extend the opportunity to MeQHA and other groups using the grounds to help with grounds work. Cathy will contact Donna Tripp to find out who the best contact at MeQHA might be.

**Fund Raising Committee Report:** Need ideas for fundraising. JoAnn likes idea of tack sale and connecting to fun show. Discussion to plan something for fall show should be held this summer.

**Food Committee Report:** Discussed show related food issues, no other business.

**Entertainment Committee Report:** Need ideas!

**Parade Committee Report:** The Moxie committee has not discussed the parade yet. The next meeting is on 5/16. Sandy will attend this meeting and report back on whether we will get paid to ride. Trudy asked in a previous meeting if anyone is willing to head this up. She needs a volunteer! Trudy read a letter from Moxie, the deadline for submissions to enter the parade is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Hospitality Committee Report:** No Report.

**Drill Team Report:** No Report

**Junior's Report:** No meeting, no report!

Torrie Gilson had an interview at Annabessacook

Veterinary Clinic.

Ashley Weeks sold Abby. She is in a good trail riding home.

**Correspondence Report:** Read Moxie correspondence.

MeQHA is having a fun show, a versatility show and trail challenge this summer.

Nicole Gervais is interested in using the grounds July 19-20 and June 7-8 for the Maine Youth Rodeo events. Cathy will contact Nicole.

It was discussed as to whether we want to donate a day like we did last year. It was suggested that if they help with clean up they could get a break in price. No motion was made on this.

Nora asked if anyone knows how to contact the state driver's education programs about educating new drivers on horse safety. Can we contact Maine Farm Bureau? Chelbie suggests contacting Maine DMV to add to teaching text.

**Old Business Report:** BOD sign up sheet. No juniors have spent award money.

A check was given to Nancy to cover \$200 in change and \$500 for food for the fun show.

**New Business Report:** Trudy has no new business.

Nancy wants to know if it's okay for 4H to use the facility during warm weather, usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. No motion was made. Suzanna said the Androscoggin and Sagadahoc 4H-ers are scraping and painting the ring and announcer's booth at the Topsham fair this summer.

Brynn found a wheel chock cleaning brush; Julie Anderson gave it a new home.

**Remarks for the Good of the Order:** Michelle Morris and Julie Anderson are looking to free lease Valentine this summer. Please contact them for more information

**Membership Count:** Senior Members: 17 Junior Members: 4 Dogs: 6

**Raffles and /or mystery gift:** No mystery gift

**Brag:** JoAnn sold her mother-in-law's house. The new buyer has 2 thoroughbred horses, currently at

JoAnn's farm. She is very happy!

**Motion to adjourn:** Julie motioned, Sandy seconded. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:30pm.

## 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)



### 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](mailto:gamblingforcash@yahoo.com).

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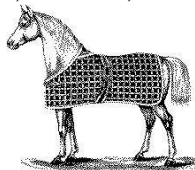
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\*All MTRA Members – 10% off and 10% will be donated to the club

Contact: Donna LeBlond

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



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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

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<http://mainetrailriders.com>

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:BLWallace@live.com).

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