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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
MARCH 8, 2014**

Vice President's Stall

Another week of subzero temperatures, and it feels like this winter will never end! March is finally here, and that means we are that much closer to the riding season. The first ride is scheduled for May 11th in Jay. The ride calendar is filling up fast, but there are still lots of options if you are interested in sponsoring a ride. Come to the next meeting for more information.

On the fundraising front, I want to give a big Thank You to everyone who came to the scrapbook fundraiser on the 1st of March! We raised some funds for the club, and volunteers and attendees all had a great time sharing delicious food and creating beautiful mementos from some very special memories. Thanks again to the Holy Trinity Church in Lisbon for allowing us use their great facility for this event.

It's hard to believe, but the first show of the season is scheduled for May 17 at the clubhouse. The show committee met recently to finalize the class list, and sort out the details. To make this show a success, we are in need of volunteers! There are a lot of jobs big and small that need doing. Even if you can only spare a few hours, we could certainly use your help setting up, handing out ribbons, working in the food booth, or cleaning up. This show is a great fundraising opportunity for the club, and participation from everyone who can help is greatly appreciated. Please contact any officer or show committee member, or come to the March meeting for more information.

And a final reminder to send in your 2014 dues if you haven't already! Membership forms are on the website.

See you at the clubhouse on the 8th!

Riley

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

Notice to Members



**There will be a Junior Meeting at 6:30
on March 8th!**



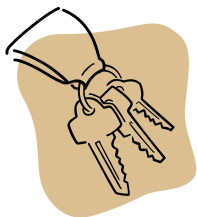
If there is any question regarding the possibility of cancellation of any meeting, please call 207-720-0550, before leaving to attend. If we have your email address, an email notification will be sent out. Or, you can check out the Maine Trailer Riders Web site or Facebook page.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

**This is the only notice you will receive:
If your dues are not paid by April 1st you
will no longer receive the Hoofbeats.**

LOST!

A Set of keys has been lost on the clubhouse grounds. If you should come across a set of keys with a black strap key-ring, please contact Nancy Weeks at 207-557-3302



Awards and Recognitions / Banquet

Congratulations to award recipients (sorry, this was missed in the last newsletter)!

3 New Plaques for over 125 hours to:

Karen Brown & Missing My Valentine (142.5 Hours)

Linda Morrill & Excuse Me Cody (134.5 Hours)

Riley Morse & Skylars Shy Boy (130 Hours)

2 New Plates and Award for over 500 hours to:

Trudy Bickford & Windsongs Cammie (536 Hours)

Cathy Small & Go Cyclone Force (506.5 Hours)

1 New Plate for over 750 hours to:

Julie Anderson & Echo My Echo (794 Hours)

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.

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

May 11 - **Jay Ride sponsored by Trudy Bickford (207-720-0550)

May 17 – Spring Fun Show

May 18 – MeQHA Spring Horse Show

Jun 7 - **Turner Ride (Nora MacDonald)

Jun 8 - **Greene Ride (Melissa Bourgoïn)

Jun 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

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

Jun 28 – **Vienna Mountain Ride in Mt. Vernon (Karen Brown)

Jun 29 – **Newport RR Bed Ride (Dana Lary)

Jul 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jul 12 - Moxie Day Parade

Jul 13 – **Gardiner Ride (Ginny Roseberry)

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

Aug 3 – Topsham Fair Horse Show

Aug 9 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Aug 9-10 - **Blanchard Ride (Brenda & Dana Lary)

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

Aug 17 - **Location TBA (Sally Labree)

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

Sep 5-7 - Litchfield Fair Food Booth

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

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)

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

Oct 4-5 - **Kennebec Morgan Farm Ride in Woolwich (Kate Race & Carlene Iverson)

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

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

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

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Called to order: 7:37pm

Guest Introduction: No Guest

Secretary's Report: Accepted as posted in Hoofbeats, Nancy motioned and Cathy seconded, passed

Treasurer's Report: Read and Accepted, Filed

BOD Report: No Report.

Trail Report: Julie accepted as chairperson, Cathy secretary. Blazin' A Trail will held on October 4th and 5th. Rides are posted in Clubhouse, Fall ride September 21st and 22nd.

Horse Show Report: Meeting is scheduled for February 27th 7pm at Nancy Weeks. Topsham Horse Show-need to check with fair grounds for date.

Publicity Report: No Report, anything contact Becky.

Building and Land Report: No Report.

Fund Raising Committee Report: Scrapbooking event is scheduled for March 1st, Nancy will be taking care of the food. Looking for new ideas.

Food Committee Report: No Report. Nancy accepted as chairperson.

Entertainment Committee Report: Need ideas, Nancy asked if there would be an interest for a saddle fitting demo.

Parade Committee Report: Moxie Day Parade is July 12th.

Hospitality Committee Report: Card sent to Rachel Jalbert-Palian for lost of mother-in-law.

Drill Team Report: No Report

Junior's Report: Meeting is scheduled for March 8th at 6:45 before monthly club meeting. Need a new Junior leader, Missy and Nancy willing to help.

Correspondence Report: Letter from Moxie Parade, Ribbon Company for ribbon order, Maine Farm Bureau Newsletter.

Old Business Report: BOD sign up sheet. Most ride award went to Trudy Bickford, new halter was given for horse.

New Business Report: Change of September meeting, Missy motioned to change September meeting to 3rd Saturday (the 20th), Cathy seconded, passed. Sign up sheet passed around for committees and snacks. Audit of the books need to be done, Lynn and Donna LeBlond will do the audit.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: Suzanne Charron recommended a tack repair shop, Mac

Mountain Tack Repair. Trudy has left some scrapbooks at the clubhouse to look at.

Membership Count: Senior Members: 11 Junior Members: 5 Dogs: 4

Raffles and /or mystery gift: No mystery gift, **Brag:** Lynn-daughter accepted at Ohio State University and will be working at a camp in Monmouth.

Motion to adjourn: Nancy motioned, Suzanne seconded passed. Meeting ended at 8:27pm.

Tip of the Month

Information found under the Tip of the Month may be on the Junior Test at the end of the year.

Trail Riding Tip:

What to do on the trail when your horse just won't settle down and even tries to bolt.

Don't pull on both reins. Pulling back on both reins simply increases your horse's anxiety and make him claustrophobic, plus it sets up a tug-of-war you can't possibly win. Your horse will simply brace his neck and pull you forward while continuing to do as he pleases. Or he'll stick his head in the air, open his mouth, and drag you wherever he wants to go.

Use a one-rein stop. Instead of pulling on both reins, slide your hand down one rein for leverage, then draw your horse's head to that side, flexing his neck to bring him around in a small circle and back under control.

To bring him completely to a stop, once he's slowed down, use your leg on the same side as the pulling rein, four or five inches behind the cinch, to push his hindquarters to the side. This "disengages" his hind end, which inhibits forward movement.

Wanted!

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



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.

Classified Ads

Boarding available in new barn

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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.
Call Ashley Weeks at 207-557-3449 or Nancy Weeks at 207-557-3302



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
Located off Tutt Lane in Litchfield, ME
(near Stevenstown Rd. & behind the MTRA clubhouse)

Perfect setting for a small farm.
\$75,000 Call (207) 582-7817 for more information



Saddle Pad!

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

Call Sally 207-933-9163



Rubber English riding boots!

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

Call Nancy Weeks 207-557-3302



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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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Ways to Recycle

- Re-Use, Donation, It's Broken
- Did you know Goodwill donations are scrapped by Dell?

A Better Way

- Local Non-profits, schools, seniors, & low income families are in need
- I securely wipe off your data, refurbish the computer, and get it to those in need. Erasure is DOD 5220.22-M compliant.

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



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 April issue is **March 21**. 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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