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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

Vice President's Stall

It's still cool and muddy in most places, but I think it's safe to finally announce that Riding Season is here!

Things are getting busy at MTRA with several events scheduled this month:

We are having a work-bee May 10th at the clubhouse starting around 2:00. The May meeting is that evening. Come pitch-in for a few hours, and bring a dish to share for a casual potluck before the meeting. Brush cleanup seems to be the biggest need after the damage from the ice storms this winter, and if anyone has a pole saw, that would be really helpful to get to the higher, broken branches.

May 11th is Mother's Day, and the first ride of the year. We'll be heading to Jay to ride the railroad bed trail. You can find more details on the website.

The following weekend it's show time! MTRA will be hosting a fun show on Saturday the 17th. Maine Quarter Horse Association will be there Sunday the 18th holding an open show. You can find class schedules for both shows on the website. We are still looking for volunteers for Saturday to help run the show, and food booth volunteers (and baked good donations) needed for both days. Sandy Craig is the MTRA show manager, and Nora and Rick are running the food booth. Even a couple of hours will make a big difference. Please contact them, or join us May 10th for more information.

There are lots of good rides coming up in June, and a few open dates are still available for the rest of the year. You can find the official schedule at the clubhouse and posted on the website. If you'd like to sponsor a ride, let us know.

See you at the clubhouse on May 10th!

Riley

**Our Next Meeting May 10, 2014
at 7:30PM**

Notice to Members



**There will be a clubhouse work bee on
May 10, at 2:00.**



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

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.

May 10 – Clubhouse cleanup, 2:00PM at the MTRA clubhouse

May 10 – Potluck supper, at the MTRA club house, 6:00PM

May 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

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

May 17 – Spring Fun Show, at the MTRA club house

May 18 – MeQHA Spring Horse Show, at the MTRA club house

Jun 7 - **Ride location TBA (Nora MacDonald 319-8922)

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

Jun 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

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

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

Jul 6 – **Vienna Mountain Ride in Mt. Vernon (Karen Brown 671-4082)

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 - **Blanchard Ride (Brenda & Dana Lary 353-4901)

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)

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

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

May ride information

May 11 – Jay RR Bed Ride sponsored by Trudy Bickford:

Ride will start at 10:00. The footing is some sand, but a few areas with gravel. We may run into some ATV's since this is a multi-use trail. Lunch can be purchased from a local store at the lunch break site in Wilton or you can pack your own.

Directions:

From all directions, access Route 4 north/south to Jay. Once you come to the center of Jay, stay on Route 4 until you come to the MacDonald's on the right. Proceed to the far back corner of the gravel parking lot on the left.

Any questions contact Trudy Bickford: 207-720-0550.

Other Events of Possible Interest

Earl turns 90: On May 30 2014 Earl Brown will turn 90. He would enjoy receiving a card from people who know him. His address is 248 Bog Road Vassalboro Me 04989. His birthday wish is to ride his horse Danny boy. Although Danny boy has lost a lot of weight I will see that he gets his wish. (submitted by Nancy Weeks).

Komen Ride for the Cure Event: on May 31st, 2014. This ride will take place at Spurwink Farm in Cape Elizabeth which is typically not open to the public. The trail will have portions of woods, fields, carriage trails and beach. A flyer will be available to view at the April meeting. Please note, this requires registration through the www.komenmaine.org website. They expect participants to raise \$250. Further information can be obtained by contacting Becky Nash at: 207-922-3303.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Called to order: 7:30pm (April 12)

Guest Introduction: Paul Roseberry

Secretary's Report: Accepted as posted in Hoof beats, Nancy motioned and Missy seconded, passed

Treasurer's Report: Read and filed report for February and March

BOD Report: No Report.

Trail Report: New list of rides posted at clubhouse.

Horse Show Report: Spring Horse Show May 17th. Signup sheet passed around for help. Received new ribbons. Quarter Horse Show will be held on May 18th, looking for volunteers for the food booth.

Publicity Report: Robert Morin from Maine Horse Council was on channel 6 talking about Horses vs cars on the Maine roads, need to contact him to do this on other channels to make people aware.

Building and Land Report: Work bee is scheduled for May 10th at 2pm, potluck supper will follow. Need to cut tree limbs, building needs painting. Flag pole is broken, Paul Roseberry will try to repair pole.

Fund Raising Committee Report: Tack and lawn sale at clubhouse, is this something we would like to do next year. Tri-County Horsemen having flea market in Union on April 27th, anyone can rent a table for \$10.00 to sell your items. Need ideas for fund raisers.

Food Committee Report: No Report.

Entertainment Committee Report: Need ideas.

Parade Committee Report: Moxie committee may stop paying the MTRA's to ride in parade.

Hospitality Committee Report: Larry Felt sent a thank you note for all the birthday cards sent for 94th birthday. Thank you card from Pam and Bud for plant, Pam's mother passed away.

Drill Team Report: No Report

Junior's Report: Junior's had a supper before meeting. Juniors asked if they could use their money for any equine event. Julie motioned for Juniors to be able to take money if they are going to any equine event, Missy seconded, passed. Juniors need to return any unused money to Cathy by next meeting. Money request needs to be in writing.

Correspondence Report : Tri-County Horsemen having flea market April 27th in Union, table are for rent for \$10.00 anyone interested call Rosemary at 785-6657. May 3rd Equine Affair in Rochester, NH from 10-5pm. Komen for the cure ride May 31st. May 4th Fun Day Sampler at Hollis Equestrian Park starting at 9am.

Old Business Report: BOD signup sheet. Cathy made up a report for the cost of running the club, to see if the Juniors could host the Fall Horse Show. Missy motioned to allow the Juniors to host the fall show, Julie seconded, one opposed, rest in favor, passed. There was a discussion if the Juniors should be allowed to participate in the show if they are running it, the Juniors will discuss this between themselves and come up with a plan. Val spent her junior money on a new horse.

New Business Report: Sandy has raffle tickets for lobsters, fundraiser for ESC, if interested call Sandy. Plates need to be replaced on Memorial stone, Sandy will check on this.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: Earl Brown will be turning 90 on May 30th, anyone wanting to send a card his address is: 248 Bog Road Vassalboro, 04989.

Missy ordered worming medicine from Horse.com, year of worming for \$35.00.

**Membership Count: Senior Members: 21
Junior Members: 5 Dogs: 7**

Raffles and /or mystery gift: No mystery gift, Brag: Julie's daughter Michelle will be coming home next week.

Motion to adjourn: Sandy motioned, Suzanne seconded passed. Meeting ended at 8:33pm.

Tip of the Month

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

Horse Tack Check Tips with Lynn Palm by Cynthia McFarland with Lynn Palm

If you ride with a back cinch or girth, you **shouldn't** be able to see a noticeable gap of daylight between the cinch/girth and your horse's belly. A loose back cinch is asking for an accident to happen.

Whenever you tack up, pull the front of your pad or blanket up to the top of the cantle. This creates a "tunnel" allowing air to enter and reach your horse's back, making him cooler and more comfortable during the ride. This is also a good time to make sure no mane hairs are trapped under the pad and pulled tight.

Also when tacking up, tighten the front cinch or girth at least twice. After the first time, leave the stirrup hooked on a Western saddle horn, or English irons run up the leather. This will remind you to tighten the cinch or girth once more before mounting.

Make sure the bit you are using fits and is adjusted properly in your horse's mouth. It shouldn't sit too low. There should be one wrinkle in the corners of his mouth, just above the bit.

If your bit requires a curb strap or chain, check the adjustment. You should be able to slip two fingers under the chain or strap and slide them along your horse's chin.

When choosing a saddle pad don't make the mistake of thinking "the thicker the better," as too many pads will cause a barrel effect, which causes the saddle to shift; this, in turn, can sore your horse's back. You can't make a saddle fit better by adding pads. If a saddle doesn't fit properly, no pad can correct the problem. Be sure your pad is large enough for your saddle. There should be a minimum of one inch of pad showing around all edges of the saddle.

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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**Boarding available in new barn**

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**Brookside Wash and Mend**

Horse blanket washing and light mending.

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Saddle Pads (heavy) - \$10
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Fly Masks - \$3

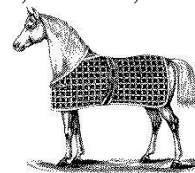
Repairs: Minor repairs (rips/tears) - \$10

*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.

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

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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:

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 June issue is **May 22**. 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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