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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

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

Vice President's Stall

It's hard to believe November is here! We had some great rides to wind down the season. Hopefully there were enough good memories and stories to keep us warm and laughing all winter. Soon enough it will be time to start thinking about next season.

The Mt. Vernon ride was beautiful as always. Thanks again Walt for making that ride possible. This year we went a step closer to luxury and rented a port a potty. Thanks to all who donated to the cause, and it's not too late if you haven't! If you missed the Parkman Ride, one of the founding MTRA members, Earl Brown, paid a visit and took a ride on Donna's horse, Josh. What a great moment for Earl to show that you are never too old to ride, especially on a great horse like Josh.

The fall fun show last weekend was a great success. We had a gorgeous day after that long, cold week of rain. The juniors did a fantastic job running the show, and by all accounts everyone had a grand old time. Thanks to all who pitched in to help and ride! And a special note to Stephanie on the tribute that she made to her wonderful horse Stormy during the grand entry to commemorate his final season of barrel racing. Thanks for sharing that moment with us Stephanie, you have a truly special bond, and we wish Stormy all the best in retirement!

After a cancellation due to soggy trails last Sunday, the last ride of the year has been rescheduled to Sunday November 2nd in Wales. This is a co-sponsored fundraiser with the Maine Barrel Racing Association. Please join us for a great ride led by Stephanie Voye and her father Bill Brownell. It's a great ride, and should be a lot of fun if the weather cooperates. More details are inside the newsletter. Plus, you'll get an extra hour of sleep on Sunday!

**Our Next Meeting:
November 8, 2014 at 7:30PM**

And don't forget the November 8th meeting is where we vote for new officers and board members. If you want to be heard, please show up and cast your vote.

See you on the trails! And don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night!

Riley



Notice to Members



Saturday, November 8 is the annual membership meeting to elect officers and board members!



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.

Nov 2 – **Wales Ride (Stephanie Voyer) - PLEASE NOTE: This is a special fundraiser ride being held with the NBHA District 1. Donations of \$10 per rider are being asked for.

Nov 8 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Dec 13 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Nominating Committee

The election of officers and board members takes place at the annual membership meeting on November 8. If you are interested in a board position or an officer position, or wish to recommend someone, please contact one of the following people:

Julie Anderson – 207-446-1604

Donna Tripp – Home 207-582-5532 or cellphone 207-446-7982

Cathy Small – 207-582-2093

We need nominations for all four office positions (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary). We need nominations for three board of director positions.

Ride Information

Contact the trail secretary, Cathy Small, to sponsor a ride:

Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com

Phone: 207-582-2093



Mt Vernon Ride, October 13, 2014

November ride information

November 2 – Wales Ride sponsored by Stephanie Voyer:

Ride starts at 10:00AM. The terrain is hilly with some rocks. We will break for lunch with games and a 50/50 during the day. Anyone with ideas regarding games can certainly contact me.

The address is 331 Centre Road, Wales.

Directions:

Coming from Lewiston:

Take 126 East, Sabattus Street, into Sabattus past the lake. From Waterman's Farm Machinery go 3 miles and turn LEFT onto Avenue Road. Proceed about 1 mile up the hill and on the left at the top of the hill there will be an open field where we will park trailers. If you get to the stop sign you went a hair too far.

Coming from Gardiner:

Take 126 West through South Monmouth. After South Monmouth Market at the blinking light travel 3.1 miles and take a RIGHT onto Avenue Road. Proceed about 1 mile up the hill and on the left at the top of the hill there will be an open field where we will park trailers. If you get to the stop sign you went a hair too far.

Coming from Augusta:

Option 1 - Come down 95 to exit in Gardiner and follow above directions (for coming from Gardiner).

Option 2 - Take 202 towards Lewiston. At blinking light in Monmouth take LEFT onto 132, Main Street, and continue through Monmouth Center. From the Theater at Monmouth/Cumston Hall travel 5.2 miles to Woods Road, take LEFT onto Woods Road. Proceed 1 mile on Woods Road to stop sign, go straight through stop sign approximately ¼ mile there will be an open field on the right where we will park the trailers.

Additional ride information is in the flyer included with the newsletter.

To contact Stephanie Voyer:

Phone 207-212-1811

Email steph.brownell@yahoo.com

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Donna LeBlond

Called to order: 9/20/2014 at 7:30pm

Guest Introduction: No guest

Secretary's Report: Accepted as posted in Hoof beats Nora motioned, Donna seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report read and filed.

BOD Report: Meeting held on Thursday August 14th, for club house grounds improvements, nothing finalized at meeting. Meeting scheduled for October 21st 7pm at club house.

Trail Report: Missy asked for porta-potty for Mount Vernon ride, cost \$100 for standard one and \$130 for larger one, can ask for donations. Cathy motioned to ask for donations for larger porta-potty and the club will pay for amount remaining, Nora seconded, motion passed.

Horse Show Report: Fall Horse Show Junior's need to make up class list. Nancy questioning when the 2015 Spring Horse Show date would be, she was asked to run a food booth at Shamrock Stables for barrel clinic on May 2-3 2015, would be a good fund raiser for the Juniors. We could have the Spring Horse Show the second or third Saturday in May.

Publicity Report: No Report

Building and Land Report: Grounds look very good, Rick is asking to put lexan acrylic on the window in the show booth to keep cold and wind out, should make it warmer.

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

Food Committee Report: No Report.

Entertainment Committee Report: No report, need ideas.

Parade Committee Report: Received a \$150 check from Lisbon for Moxie parade.

Hospitality Committee Report: Send card to Brenda for surgery.

Drill Team Report: No Report

Junior's Report: No Report

Correspondence Report : Received a letter from a gentleman moving into the Freeport area and is looking for a place to board his horse. Lynn Aube has a 2004 horse trailer for sale price \$2,750. MeQHA having a trail challenge on October 26th. Received Equine Affaire flyers. Quintal's sent a thank you card for the use of the club house.

Old Business Report: BOD sign up sheet.

New Business Report: Nominating committee needed, Julie, Donna Tripp and Cathy volunteered.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: Rachel mentioned the Tek 111 is buckling on the side of the building.

Membership Count: Senior Members: 10 Junior Members: 1 Dogs: 3

Raffles and /or mystery gift: Mystery gift was won by Nora. Brags: Missy and Ace have been doing well in barrels, also Monty is doing well.

Motion to adjourn: Donna motioned, Julie seconded motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:31pm.

Tip of the Month

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

We all have our mental checklist for trail rides. But there are many non-horse related items that can make or break your ride. Here are ten essentials from a seasoned trail rider.

We always think to bring along those things that are important for our horse's safety and comfort while we enjoy the trails; however, we also need to think of our safety and comfort in the event of an emergency and have we have to "hoof" it out on our own two feet.

1. Cell phone (with GPS capabilities) and the Maprika app downloaded onto your phone. Maprika allows you to email others your exact location. You can also send a photo of your location.

2. Small first-aid kit for humans (gauze, triple antibiotic ointment, pain relief tablets, vet wrap)
3. Paper Trail map (just in case no cellular signal)
4. Compact solar/reflective emergency "blanket"
5. Whistle (the sound of a blown whistle travels further than a shout)
6. Snack/Beverage – Energy bar and water, preferably. Hard tack candies, peppermints, to keep your mouth moist and save your water supply.
7. Butane lighter (allows means to build a fire)
8. Small, but powerful, flashlight
9. Contact lens case, filled with contact solution and/or a small squirt bottle of solution to use as eye flush.
10. Extra pair of socks to wear just in case you have to walk yourself back to camp.

If possible, keep your cell phone on your person in the event you become separated from your horse.

As a collective, these items will not take up that much room in your saddle bags but will be of great assistance in the event any of them are needed.

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

Classified Ads**Trailer for Sale!**

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Patti Dowse

Erda ([Www.ErdaLeather.com](http://www.ErdaLeather.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

Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the December issue is **November 23**. 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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