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## HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

THE NEXT MEETING IS  
APRIL 9, 2011

### President's Stall

Spring is in the air and it is time to ride! Several of us got together for an unaffiliated ride at Popham Beach on Saturday, March 26. The wind was blowing, but the sun was out and it was a great day to be on the beach. It was not even as cold as the last of the rides in 2010 were!

I hope you are as eager as I am for the affiliated 2011 ride season to begin! The first ride of the season is scheduled for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, on the Jay RR Bed. This is followed on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, with a ride on the Newport RR Bed.

On Saturday April, 30<sup>th</sup>, we will host the Spring Fun Show at the club house. We will need for volunteers to help with everything from setup to shut-down, food donations, help in the ring, etc. We can use your help, so hope to see you there!

On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Maine Quarter Horse Association will host a spring show at the clubhouse. We will be running a food booth at that event and so more volunteers are needed. Please come join us to help out!

At the April meeting we will be promoting the next fundraising event, which is a Pampered Chef Party, where the club will earn a percentage from everything that gets sold. The actual party will be held at the clubhouse prior to the May meeting. Donna LeBlond will bring packets to the April meeting so we can obtain orders in advance of the May meeting. Please contact Donna LeBlond and she will get a sales packet sent to you if you are unable to attend.

I hope to see you at the April meeting!

*Trudy*

Our Next Meeting is  
April 9, 2011 at 7:30PM

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

**This is the last Hoofbeats that will be sent out to anyone that has not paid dues for 2011.**

### Notice to Members



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### Reminder for the April Meeting

Snacks: Suzanna Drinks: Nora

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### Junior reminder:

Meeting April 9, 7PM

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### Spring Fun Show:

Saturday, April 30, 2011  
at the clubhouse in Litchfield

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### Message to Ride Sponsors and Participants

Before the riding season starts for this year I just wanted to remind all ride sponsors that you will receive a letter, the Trail Riding Rules & Regulations, and a Sign-Up Sheet for each of your affiliated rides, same as always. **Please, please read this information.** It is to inform you of additions that the trail committee has made to the rules and regulations. Also have these rules & regulations available with the sign-up sheet so members can read them if they want.

It is a very difficult job to keep track of everybody attending our rides, so as a participant of our rides, please fill out the sign-up sheet before the ride starts, pay appropriate fees, and write legibly. Also make sure that you use the correct spelling of

your horse's name (I know this sounds foolish) as well as using the same name each time you ride (believe it or not people have put down different names for the same horse). Whatever you call your horse, either their barn name or their registered name, put the same one every time you are riding that horse. It's also important that you and only you sign the sheet. Don't have somebody else do it for you, we need your signature. Also remember if you are responsible for a junior on that ride, the adult must sign in the "Rider's Signature" column.

When the ride is over, it is the ride sponsor's responsibility to make sure that the "Hours Ridden" has been filled in for each rider. We can't tally hours if this column is left blank! YES, this has happened! Also, ride sponsor, check the money received with what is on the sheet and have somebody that attended that ride sign in the "Verified By" slot once they have verified the money turned in is what accompanies the sheet.

We need all of your to help make the trail secretary's job as easy as possible. And believe me this is no easy feat.

Happy Trails to all and let's have a fun riding season...

Thanks,  
Cathy



## 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.

Apr 9 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Apr 23 - Showdeo meeting, 10:00A.M., at the Topsham Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall

**Apr 30 - Spring Fun Show at the MTRA club house**



May 7 - \*\*Jay RR Bed ride sponsored by Julie Anderson

May 8 - \*\*Newport RR Bed ride sponsored by Sheila and Torrie Gilson

May 14 - Pampered Chef fundraiser, at the MTRA club house prior to the club meeting

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May 14 - Junior hotdog fundraiser, Augusta Walmart

May 15 - Junior bake sale, Double G in Lebanon

May 21 - \*\*Turner ride, sponsored by Nora MacDonald

May 22 - \*\*Greene ride, sponsored by Missy Bourgoin

June 4 - \*\*Bingham ride, sponsored by Audrey Colfer and Valerie Fullerton

June 10 - Club Meeting, at the MTRA club house

June 11-12 - \*\*Spring Ride from the MTRA club house

June 18-19 - \*\*Blanchard RR Bed ride sponsored by Brenda and Dana Lary

July 8-10 - Food booth at the Maine Equine Super Showdeo, Topsham Fairgrounds

**July 9 - Moxie Day Parade and pony rides**

July 10 - MTRA show at the Maine Equine Super Showdeo, Topsham Fairgrounds

Aug 6 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

**Aug 7 - Topsham Fair Horseshow**

Aug 13 - \*\*Blazin' A Trail for A Cure sponsored by Lynn Aube, to be held in Lisbon Falls

Aug 14 - \*\*Lisbon Falls ride sponsored by Lynn Aube (rain date for Blazin' A Trail for A Cure)

Aug 19-21 - \*\*Roseberry Patch ride in Richmond sponsored by Ginny Roseberry

Sept 3-5 - \*\*Harris Knowlton Memorial ride in Albion sponsored by Marianne Cogswell

**Sept 9-11 Litchfield Fair Food Booth**

Sept 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Sept 17-18 - \*\*Fall Ride at the MTRA club house

Sept 22-29 - \*\*Acadia non-affiliated ride, sponsored by Rob Morin

Sept 24 - \*\*Albion ride sponsored by Elaine Bolen

Sept 25 - \*\*China Narrow Gauge RR Bed ride sponsored by Tess Carter

Oct 1 - \*\*Mt Pisca ride in Monmouth sponsored by Sally Labree

Oct 2 - \*\*West Gardiner ride sponsored by Cathy Small

Oct 8-10 - \*\*Mt. Vernon ride sponsored by Walt Williams and Sandy Zack

Oct 15-16 - \*\*Parkman ride sponsored by Donna Tripp and Ashley Weeks (also MeQHA affiliated)

Oct 23 - \*\*Lisbon Falls ride sponsored by Sandy Craig

Oct 30 - \*\* Popham Beach ride sponsored by Karen Brown

Nov 5 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Nov 6 - \*\* Wales ride sponsored by Trudy Bickford

Dec 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

**Jan 14 - Yearly awards banquet**

## Junior Notices

Reminder to all Junior's - we will be having a brief meeting at 7:00 just before the general meeting.

Hope to see you there.

Missy

## Ride Information

The calendar is already filling up fast with dates for 2011! If you would like to sponsor a ride, please contact the trail secretary, Cathy Small.

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

Phone: 582-2093

## May ride information

### **Jay RR Bed ride May 7<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Julie Anderson:**

Ride will start at 10AM. The ride will be about 4 hours long and shoes are not needed as the ground is not rocky. This is a multi-use trail so meeting bikes and 4-wheelers is a good possibility. 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 Julie Anderson at 446-1604.



Lunch in Corinna, May 9, 2010

### **Newport RR bed ride May 8<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Torrie and Sheila Gilson:**

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. There are only a few places to tie horses, but a grassy area is available to hold lead lines or ground tie. Village Square restaurant owner, Allen, said horses were welcome and feel free to order ahead for subs and sandwiches if desired, 278-2777. We will have to cross one major road twice. Please be sure to clean up any recycled hay from the parking area before leaving.

Please call Sheila at 446-8914 for any questions or in case of inclement weather.

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.



## Other ride information

### **Non-affiliated Ride in Acadia, September 22 to 29, sponsored by Rob Morin:**

Anyone who wishes to join myself and friends are more than welcome. This will not be a Maine Trail Rider's affiliated ride. If you wish to join me and camp over you need to contact Carriages of Acadia at 1-877-276-3622 as soon as possible. Large campsites are \$15 per night and stalls are \$25 per night. You can buy shavings or bring your own.

I did this last fall and it was great. I am going a couple weeks later than last year so the colors should be just starting. If anyone has any other question feel free to contact me. If you do camp over please remember to bring fire wood for the camp fire.

Hope to see you all.

Rob Morin  
207 832 7900

[rlmorin@hughes.net](mailto:rlmorin@hughes.net)

**Fundraising**

A Pampered Chef Party will be held at the clubhouse before the May meeting. Packets will be available at the April meeting. A website link will be emailed to all members that have provided email addresses.

**Classified Ads**

**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

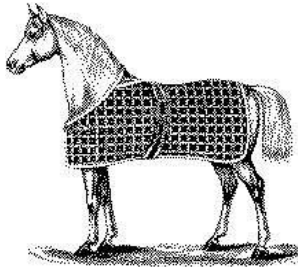
- Repairs: Minor repairs (rips/tears) - \$10

\*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



**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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Location is 1/16 mile from the Maine Trail Riders clubhouse in Litchfield.

Call Julie Anderson: (207) 446-1604



### Trailer for sale!

1991 Hart steel 3 horse slant gooseneck trailer with rear tack room, extra large dressing room, drop down windows at head and sliding windows at rear, new camper door and screen, step-up, and new galvanized running boards. Trailer has been repainted and hauls great. It is in very good condition. Asking \$5500 - Call Rachel 713-4927



### Western Trail Saddles!

Circle Y Flex 2 Flagstaff. 15" seat. Reg. width. Excellent condition. Hardly used. Extremely comfortable. One of the higher end Circle Y saddles.

Tex Tan Tex Flex. 16" seat with reg. QH Bars. Beautiful flower tooling. Hardly used. Like New condition. Very comfortable seat.

Both of these saddles are in "like new" condition. I'm selling each of them for \$900 plus shipping.

I'm happy to send photos.

Contact Caroline: [csamson@roadrunner.com](mailto:csamson@roadrunner.com) or 751-8026

### Tip of the Month

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

Fast facts: There were approximately 75 million horses living in 2006; China was the nation with the highest population.

### General Information

#### Website

<http://mainetrailriders.com>

If you have info to submit to the website, please contact Marsha Polley: [mpolley@fts-ne.com](mailto:mpolley@fts-ne.com).

### Hospitality

Please help Audrey by keeping her informed on anything where the club should send out a card or more. She can be contacted via email at:

[fullhahn@fairpoint.net](mailto:fullhahn@fairpoint.net).

### Publicity

Thanks go out to Rachel Jalbert-Palian who has volunteered to give this position a try! If you have any suggestions for publicity, please contact Rachel via email to [texas.rachel@earthlink.net](mailto:texas.rachel@earthlink.net) or by calling 207-713-1008.

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### Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the May issue is **April 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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