

# Maine Trail Riders Association, Inc.

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## HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

THE NEXT MEETING IS  
AUGUST 5, 2011

### President's Stall

*Although* there were no rides in July, it was a very busy month for us! We finished preparations and training for the trail trials, and participated in the first ever Maine Equine Super Showdeo (the M.E.S.S.). And then, there was the Moxie festival with the parade and pony rides. What a busy time!

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone that helped make the M.E.S.S. a success. We had an awesome turn out of members to help at the food booth, the Blazin' A Trail and club information booth, and the trail trials event. Our club received compliments all weekend long because people were very impressed by our turnout of participating members. I was proud to be a part of the team and representing the MTRA.

A big THANK YOU also needs to be extended to everyone that helped out at the Moxie Day events. The pony rides had a good number of ponies and horses available, and people to handle them. It was a very profitable event! We had enough horse in the parade to get paid. Hard to believe we were able to pull off being in multiple places in one day, but we did it!

Please note that the ride scheduled for August 14 will only take place if the Saturday, August 13 ride is rained out. This is no longer scheduled as a full weekend ride. The annual memorial weekend ride will be a day ride only. The ride will be at Frye Mt. on September 3, with a rain date of September 4. Please read the letter from Marianne in the ride information.

Again, thank you to ALL! You have made our recent fundraisers successful.

*Trudy*

**Our Next Meeting is FRIDAY,  
August 5, 2011 at 7:30PM**

### Notice to Members



**The August meeting will be on a Friday instead of the usual Saturday, and it is a week earlier than usual! Before the meeting we will be loading equipment for the Topsham fair. We welcome all the help we can get, so come early!**



### Reminder for the August Meeting

Snacks: Brenda Drinks: Cathy



**Donation request: The Loose Shoe 4H in Litchfield requested a donation to their July 15-17<sup>th</sup> horse camp at the Litchfield fairgrounds. In the past, the club has donated \$50. Discussion/vote will occur at the August meeting.**



### Topsham Fair Horse Show:

Sunday, August 7, 2011  
at the Topsham Fairgrounds



### Blazin' A Trail For A Cure



We are hosting a ride to raise money to find a cure for cancer. This year's ride will be associated with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life events.

You can collect donations of money for team MTRA on the ACS Androscoggin site or you can send a check to ACS stating specifically that is to the MTRA team. The address is American Cancer Society, One Bowdoin Mill Island, Suite 300, Topsham, ME 04086.

More information has been posted on our website, including a registration form, rules, and agenda for the day. Or for more information, contact:

Sandy Craig 207-353-8242, 207-212-4737,  
[codycraig@myfairpoint.net](mailto:codycraig@myfairpoint.net)

Cathy Small [cathy@mainetrailriders.com](mailto:cathy@mainetrailriders.com)

### Junior Notices

Reminder to all Juniors that your opportunities for work hours are winding down. If you are not riding in the Topsham Show there are work hours to be gotten volunteering in the food booth as well as for the show committee. Also Litchfield Fair is a great place to get your hours in.

We will have our next meeting in September. During that meeting I would be happy to double check your papers and will help you determine if you need to get more hours in to qualify for participation funds.

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

## August ride information

### Join us for the Second Annual "Blazin" A Trail For A Cure

Location: Justalittle Farm, 58 Ridge Road, Lisbon Falls ME 04252

Daily Schedule:

9:00-Parking opens

9:30- Registration

12:00-Opening Ceremony

12:30-Take off on ride – For the most part the trails are good footing with minimum wet / mud areas. We will be traveling along a portion of the local multi purpose trail along the Sabattus River which is tar with a side of gravel, please be kind to other trail users and keep your horse to the gravel area. Road riding will be kept to a minimal. Halter, lead lines, snacks and drinks are recommended as we may take a short break along the trail. Water is available from the barn so there is no need to haul your own.

3:30-Return to Justalittle Farm

The purpose of the ride is to raise money to help with cancer research. You can collect money for team MTRA on the ACS Androscoggin site or you can send a check to ACS stating the MTRA team. The address is American Cancer Society, One Bowdoin Mill Island, Suite 300, Topsham, ME 04086.

Food-Coffee, donuts and snacks will be provided Saturday morning. All drinks and food will be served under the tent. Please prepare your own food, drinks and snacks for the ride.

Helmets(ASTM/SEI approved) are required for anyone 18 years and younger. We strongly recommend anyone over 18 to wear a helmet, but it is not required. Anyone under the age of 18 must also be accompanied by an adult the entire length of the ride.

**Kickers-** Due to safety hazards all horses or ponies that are kickers or potential kickers must have a red warning ribbon their tail.

**Equipment-**Any type of equipment will be acceptable as long as it will provide suitable control of the horse at all times. However, participants may be excused if equipment is considered unduly harsh or severe at the discretion of the Trail Boss.

**Parking-**Parking will be in the pasture. There will be a volunteer directing traffic. There are allotted places for parking, please don't just park anywhere or you will be asked to relocate.

No stallions or ponying horses will be allowed on the ride.

Each person is responsible for their own items. Lost, misplaced or stolen items are not the events responsibility. In the event of an injury or an accident the event coordinators will not be held liable in any way. Trails conditions may vary; make safety your first priority. Event planners and volunteers will not be responsible for the health of any horses throughout the duration of this event. We strongly advise that all horses have current vaccinations. Should conditions become problematic or challenging The Maine Trail Riders Association reserves all rights to terminate the ride. Also, the use of any photos, film, or videotape can be used for any purposes. All riders must sign the registration form prior to ride. By signing the registration form you are agreeing to these terms and conditions. This is a family event no drugs, no alcohol, and no smoking.

Directions: From I-295 North or South exit at the Topsham Exit. Head NORTH on ME-196 N/NEW LEWISTON RD toward Lisbon Falls. Continue to follow ME-196 N. 6.4 miles. Turn RIGHT onto ME-9. Continue to follow ME-9 .06 miles to 58 RIDGE RD (barn driveway is second driveway) on the LEFT.

Coming I-95 from North or West you can exit at the Sabattus Exit. Start out going SOUTH on MIDDLE RD/ME-9. Continue to follow ME-9 and 58 Ridge Rd. (barn driveway) on the RIGHT.

7.0 miles For those using GPS the actual road address is 58 Ridge Road, Lisbon Falls ME.



### **Roseberry Patch Ride on August 26 to 28 sponsored by Ginny Roseberry:**

The Friday ride starts at 5PM.

The Saturday ride starts at 9:30AM.

The Sunday ride starts at 10:00AM.

Camping is available all three nights. Parking is in marked areas only as the farm is very busy this time of the year.

Directions: from the north take 95 south to Gardiner, Route 201, to Beedle Road. From the south, take exit 46 to Route 201 (Richmond Corner), then Beedle Road is 6 miles on the left. Parking will be marked on the left after the overpass on Beedle Road.

Please call Ginny at 737-4989 with any questions (after 8PM).

For those with a GPS, the address is 670 Beedle Road, Richmond, Maine.



### **September ride information**

**The Annual Memorial Ride (Sept 3-5) has been changed to Frye Mt ride Sept 3<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Marianne Cogswell:**

Trail Riders, due to Ed's Heart Attack in May, our annual ride will be different this year. The ride will be Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Frye Mt. State Game Wild Life Preserve. Great dirt trail roads – bring your saddle bag lunch as we will have lunch in the woods/field. There is usually water at stream crossings, as long as the weather has not had a dry spell. The ride will be around the mountain.

Everyone should bring water for your horses to have at the parking area before we leave for the ride and also for when you return.

Parking is at the Ranger's Garage, which is at the entrance of Frye Mt., on your left. When you come to park, park close to one another since trailers are bigger now and the area is the same limited size.

The ride starts at 10AM. It is a day ride, lunch for an hour, and we will be back in around 4PM. If Saturday, September 3, is raining in the morning, the ride will be on Sunday, September 4. Any questions, call 437-5844 in the evening or 692-7472, since if it is raining in your area Saturday morning, it may not be raining at the ride site, so call if you are unsure.

Directions: Fry Mt Morrill Maine on Route 220, which is off Route 3. You can GPS it or it is on the Maine Maps.

Looking ahead to 2012 to be a healthier year and back on track for our annual, 3-day ride.

See ya on the trails,  
Marianne C.



### **Acadia:**

In the April & May's Hoofbeats, a Sept 22-29 non-affiliated ride in Acadia sponsored by Rob Morin was announced. That ride has been CANCELLED.

## 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.

Aug 5 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

**Aug 7 - Topsham Fair Horseshow**

Aug 13 - \*\*Blazin' A Trail for A Cure, to be held in Lisbon Falls (rain date is Aug 14)

Aug 26-28 - \*\*Roseberry Patch ride in Richmond sponsored by Ginny Roseberry

Sept 3 - \*\*Frye Mountain sponsored by Marianne Cogswell (rain date Sept 4)

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

Sept 17 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

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

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

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

Oct 1 - \*\*Mt Pisgah 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**

## Wanted!

### Headboard

Nancy Weeks is looking for a queen size headboard reasonable. Call 207-557-3302

### Propane Stove

Nancy Weeks is looking for a used apartment size propane stove for the cook shack. If anyone knows of one free or reasonable, call 207-557-3302.

### 2-Horse Bumper Pull Trailer

Looking for reasonable priced 2 horse bumper pull horse trailer. Call 207-724-3655.

### 3-Horse Slant Gooseneck Trailer

Rachel Jalbert-Palian is looking for a 3 horse slant aluminum gooseneck trailer, with a dressing room and full escape door for the first horse. Call 207-713-1008.

## 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

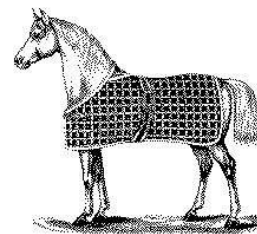
Repairs: Minor repairs (rips/tears) - \$10

\*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



### Handyman Available!

Strong young man seeking odd jobs. Need help haying, lugging firewood, landscaping, misc. work? I am living in Litchfield for the summer. MTRA referances available. Call Mike at (508) 341-8703.



## Boarding & Lessons

Available at Greene-Horse Farm & Livery, Inc.

We are privately owned and operated and offer all our guests a 10 X 12 box stall in a newly built barn. Horses are turned out daily in individual paddocks or herd pasture depending on compatibility.

Board includes: stall, tack cubicle, feed and basic grooming. There is a round pen on site for your use, and miles of trails and dirt roads for your riding pleasure.

We are conveniently located 4 miles off Route 202 in Greene between Lewiston and Augusta.

Also offering beginner lessons and training.

Please call for more information and pricing, (207) 576-2721. References are available upon request.



## Boarding available in new barn

10x12 stalls, 15 acres of pasture, trails available without going on the road first. Includes hay, grain, bedding, daily turnout. \$225/month.

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

Call Julie Anderson: (207) 446-1604



## 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))



## JL Custom Fab

Route 201 in Bowdoin, 666-5800

M-F 8:00 to 5:00, Sat by appointment

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## 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

Please contact Rachel Jalbert-Palian if you have publicity suggestions:

Email: [texas.rachel@earthlink.net](mailto:texas.rachel@earthlink.net)

Phone: 207-713-1008.



“Stream crossing” at the Trail Trials event.

### Tip of the Month

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

When "ponying" another horse or pony, keeping the animals head at the rider's knee allows for maximum control. For safety's sake, always wear gloves and remember to keep your thumb up and out of the path of the rope.

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### Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the September issue is **August 20**. 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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