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Official Newsletter of The M T R A

THE NEXT MEETING IS
FEBRUARY 12, 2011

President's Stall

I hope everyone that attended the yearly awards banquet on January 8th had as much fun as I did! It was a really great night, and it was awesome to see so many people show up. There were some great costumes for the 1800's theme. Thank you to everyone that attended! I would especially like to extend a thank you to those that helped plan and host the event!

Congratulations to the lucky raffle winners: Audrey Colfer for winning the horse shoe coat rack (made by Missy Bourgoïn), Becky Wallace for winning the Cabela's fire ring, and Earlene Pelton for winning the lounge chair from Cabela's.

Rob Gilson is the deserving recipient of the Sportsmanship award! Congratulations Rob and thank you for all the hard work you do that helps our club. I also want to extend congratulations to all the winners of this year's awards for riding and juniors for club participation! There is a complete list further down in the newsletter, in a section labeled Awards and Recognitions, of all the award recipients.

We still need volunteers and donations for the February 26th scrapbook fundraiser. The Aubuchon in Lisbon Falls is donating an item to the raffle. The Subway in Lisbon Falls is going to give us something, I just have to go visit them to find out exactly what that will be. We have some Pampered Chef recipe cards for the goody bags. But we still need more! Please see the event details for more information on how you can help.

I hope to see you at the February meeting! Stay Warm...

Trudy

**Our Next Meeting is on
February 12, 2011**

Notice to Members



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 Facebook page.

Junior Meeting – 6PM on February 12!



Notice to all Junior MTRA Members!



The junior program is going to be administered by me (Missy Bourgoin) this year. I ran the Junior Program many moons ago and am looking forward to doing it again. I have big expectations for myself and some for each of you as well.

I would like us to meet at 6:00 PM on Saturday evening, prior to the February meeting. Our agenda for this meeting will be to appoint officers, pass out participation folders, review Junior

Scholarship requirements, and discuss possible fund-raisers for the 2011 season. I would like each of you to come prepared with 1 fund-raising idea. It can be something that's been done in the past, something you've done with another club, school, etc. or something never tried before. As a group we will discuss the ideas presented and pick a handful of the ones we think are the best and achievable. Put your thinking caps on and I will see you all in February.

Missy

General Information

Website

<http://mainetrailriders.com>

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

Publicity

We are in need of a publicity person! In the interim, please contact Cathy Small via email to Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com or call 207-582-2093.

Awards and Recognitions

Congratulations to all award recipients!

Rob Gilson - Sportsmanship Award

Medallions and Patches were given out to all members that earned them.

4 New Plaques were won for over 125 hours to:

- Brenda Lary & Spinks Dream Come True - 186 hours
- Ashley Weeks & Robie Sue's Independence - 149.5 Hours
- Sandy Craig & Justalittle Jet Stream - 137 Hours
- Torrie Gilson & Cosmo - 133 Hours

3 New Plaques were won for over 250 hours to:

- Trudy Bickford & Windsong's Cammie - 338.5 Hours

- Vicki Dixon & Jerry - 297.5 Hours
- Cathy Small & Go Cyclone Force - 284 Hours

1 New Plate and Award of a BMB Horse Blanket for over 500 hours to:

- Julie Anderson & Echo My Echo 565 Hours

Junior members were awarded their certificates for participating in the Junior Program all year.

- Ashley Weeks received \$338.00
- Taylor Weeks received \$248.99
- Torri Gilson received \$240.80
- Val Fullerton received \$221.69

Thank You certificates went to the following juniors:

- Kaytlyn Grant
- Lauren Charron
- Brynn Charron

Most Rides Award was a tie going to (both rode 22 out of 29 rides):

- Trudy Bickford & Windsongs Cammie
- Cathy Small & Go Cyclone Force

Ride Sponsors Awards were embroidered fleece vests and went to:

Torrie Gilson, Sheila Gilson, Valerie Fullerton, Donna Tripp, Audrey Colfer, Nora Macdonald, Rob Morin, Ginny Roseberry, Becky Carey, Vicki Dixon, Kaytlyn Grant, Brenda Lary, Dana Lary, Marianne Cogswell, Elaine Bolen, Tess Carter, Sally Labree, Cathy Small, Walt Williams, Ashley Weeks, Missy Bourgoin, Taylor Weeks, Trudy Bickford, Sandy Craig

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.

Feb 12 – First Club meeting for 2011, at the MTRA club house

Feb 19 - Showdeo meeting, 10:00A.M., at the Topsham Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall

Feb 26 - Scrapbook fundraiser, 8:00A.M. to 3:00P.M., at the Holy Trinity Church in Lisbon Falls

Mar 12 – Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Apr 9 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

May 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

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 11 – Club Meeting, at the MTRA club house

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

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

July 9 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jul 10 - Moxie Day Parade and pony rides

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

Aug 7 - Topsham Fair Horseshow

Aug 9 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Sept 9-11 Litchfield Fair Food Booth

Sept 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Sept 18-19 - **Fall Ride at the MTRA club house

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

Oct 1 - **Monmouth ride 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

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

Nov 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Dec 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jan 14 – Yearly awards banquet

Event Information

Feb 19 "Showdeo" meeting information

There will be meeting on February 19th, 10 A.M., at the Topsham fairgrounds, in the exhibition hall for the clubs in Maine to get together and continue planning for the Maine Equine Super Showdeo (The M.E.S.S.).

If you wish to be on the Showdeo committee and have questions, you can contact Trudy Bickford:

Email trudybickford@roadrunner.com

Phone 207-720-0550

Feb 26 Scrapbook Fundraiser

Volunteers and donations are needed for a scrapbook fundraiser to be held at the Holy Trinity Church in Lisbon Falls.

Food donations are needed for breakfast and snacks, as well as for lunch. Missy Bourgoin is coordinating the food for this event. If you are able to donate a food item, please contact Missy so she ensure we have what is needed. Send an email to gamblingforcash@yahoo.com or you can call 207-576-2721.

We need raffle items to raise additional funds. Is there a local store you can visit and ask if they would be able to donate a gift certificate or an item?! Do you know someone with a business that may be willing to donate small items and/or business cards that we can put into the goody bags (we are planning on 30 bags)?!

Contact me (Trudy) by sending an email to trudybickford@roadrunner.com or by calling 207-720-0550.

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

Phone: 582-2093

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 associated 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

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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.



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

**Horse for sale!**

Cosmo is for sale for \$1000 or best offer. He is very forward and will go out by himself. He is a 14.2 hand high black Tennessee Walker/Morgan cross. He has great ground manners and is very sweet, not one hundred percent sure of age, around twenty. He is good in the ring but prefers trails. He is good for the vet and the farrier, and loads well. He will go through mud and water when asked, will swim in a lake or ocean. Ridden the last two years by a twelve year old with horse experience, an advanced beginner can handle him. He has lots of pep, and is sound and well behaved. I am willing to consider trading for a younger horse.

Torrie Gilson
Call: 446-8916

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**Awning for sale!**

Blue and white 12 foot awning, includes all hardware. Used less than ten times and has been stored inside. Asking \$450 – call Sally 933-9163

**Barn 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

**Brookside Wash and Mend**

Horse blanket washing and light mending.

Rates and Services:

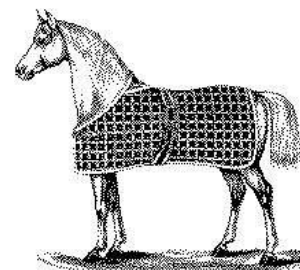
Washing: Medium/Heavy weight - \$15.
Sheets (nylon, cotton, fly) - \$10
Saddle Pads (heavy) - \$10
Saddle Pads (light) - \$8
Fly Masks - \$3

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



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



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 or 751-8026

Wanted!

A young lady is looking for a horse to buy for trail riding and 4H fun shows! This young rider is 10 and has been leasing for 3 years. She now is ready to own her horse. A gelding that has "been-there-done-that", not too forward, easy to handle, and sound is preferred. Contact Trina in Monmouth by calling 207-441-2926.



A cap is looking to be reunited with its owner! During our fall horse show, on Oct 23rd at the club house, somebody lost a base ball cap that is red & tan with 3 horses embroidered on the front. Please contact Cathy Small if it's your hat, we have it at the club house for you. Send an email to Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com or place a phone call to 207-582-2093.

Tip of the Month

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

General Horse Trivia:

- Adult male horses have 40 teeth.
- 50 million years ago horses had toes.
- Horse skin is 7 times more sensitive than ours.
- Horses can carry about 20 percent of their body weight.
- A horse's coat is faded by the sun's rays.
- Did you know it's against the law to open or close an umbrella near a horse in New York City?

(Trivia is courtesy of Blaze Magazine.)

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Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the February issue is **February 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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