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Trudy Bickford, President
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Donna LeBlond, Secretary
Cathy Small, Treasurer

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efficio)

Donna Tripp – 2012
Julie Anderson - 2012
Cathy Small – 2012
Sandy Craig – 2012 (ex-efficio)

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Official Newsletter of The M T R A

THE NEXT MEETING IS OUR
FEBRUARY 11, 2012

President's Stall

It is hard to believe we are at the end of another year. Looking back on 2011, we accomplished a lot with several fundraisers, new experiences (some good, some bad), and lots of cancelled events because of bad weather and other reasons.

Looking ahead to 2012, we start off with the yearly banquet to celebrate all the fun riding we did this past year. Committees are being formed to start planning shows and trail rides. I am already looking forward to spring and the new riding season. Let's start getting rides for 2012 on the calendar and hope for good weather on all! Let me know if you wish to sign up for a committee so we can keep you notified of committee activities.

We have a 1950's theme for this year's banquet. A costume is not required, but will be fun. The social hour starts at 5PM at the West Gardiner Rod and Gun Club. If you wish to have dinner at the banquet, please make sure to let Cathy know as soon as possible. You are welcome to attend regardless.

The third annual scrapbook fundraiser will be held on February 28. I have already been collecting small items to go in the gift bags, but we need more! Please see the info under Event Information on how you can help out.

New to the letter this month are the minutes from our last meeting. We hope they will help keep you notified of what is going on and ready for the next meeting.

See you at the banquet and upcoming meetings and events. Please travel safe, and take it easy in the ice and snow!

Trudy

Our Next Meeting is
February 11, 2012 at 7:30PM

Notice to Members



Yearly Awards and Banquet!

January 14, 2011

At the W. Gardiner Rod and Gun Club

Festivities begin at 5:00 PM



Scrapbook Fundraiser

February 28th!



There will be a Board of Directors
meeting on January 16 - 7PM at the
MTRA clubhouse.



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 Web site or Facebook page.

Sportsmanship Award

This is a reminder we need nominations for the Sportsmanship Award for 2011. We will be taking nominations until the night of the banquet.

At the awards banquet we will be choosing the next recipient of the sportsmanship award. The past winners are as follows:

2006 – Earl Brown

2007 – Marsha Polley

2008 – Sally LaBree

2009 – Becky Wallace

2010 – Rob Gilson

A member who has received the award in the past five years is not eligible.

Please forward your nominations for 2011 to Sandy Craig @ codycraig@myfairpoint.net or call her at 353-8242.

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.

Jan 14 – Yearly awards banquet

Jan 16 – Board of Directors meeting, 7PM at the MTRA clubhouse

Feb 11 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Mar 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Apr 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

May 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jun 9 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jul 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Aug 11 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Sep 8 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Nov 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Dec 8 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jan 12 – Yearly awards banquet

Event Information

Banquet information

The yearly banquet will be held on January 14th. We will be having a "theme" to this year's banquet to try and make it as much fun as possible. The committee decided on the 1950's.

To try to get people to stay and enjoy the festivities longer, we will be holding large-item raffles throughout the night as we did last year. You must be present to win.

Feb 28 Scrapbook Fundraiser

Volunteers and donations are needed for a scrapbook fundraiser.

We need a volunteer for coordinating the food for this event. We will need food donations for breakfast and snacks, as well as for lunch.

We need items to put in the gift bags given to the attendees of the event, plus stuff to give away as door prizes. To raise additional funds at the event, we will also offer raffle items.

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 an item for the raffle, and business cards for the gift bags? We need to plan on needing 30 to 35 gift bags to hand out.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/10/2011

Called to order: 7:05pm

Guest Introduction: Sarah Emerson and Kailyn-Val's cousin

Secretary's Report: Read and Accepted (Nancy motioned and Sally seconded, passed)

Treasurer's Report: Read and Accepted

BOD Report: No Report.

Trail Report: Meeting December 1st, plans for Banquet. Next meeting: Tuesday December 13th at the clubhouse at 7pm.

Horse Show Report: Showdeo will be held on July 6th, 7th and 8th, looking for vendors.

Publicity Report: No Report.

Building and Land Report: Need to turn of water. Plowing is all set.

Fund Raising Committee Report: Scrapbooking for the last weekend in February. Need to find new location, Church is not available.

Food Committee Report: No Report

Entertainment Committee Report: No Report

Parade Committee Report: Winthrop Christmas parade December 3rd, a few of the members went, had a lot of fun. Hemphill's having parade and fund raiser December 18th from 11-2pm.

Hospitality Committee Report: Card sent to John Trafton, having surgery. To Sheila, for loss of horse.

Drill Team Report: No Report

Junior's Report: Had test tonight, did well. Next meeting is in February.

Correspondence Report: Sally has article and pictures going in the Horses Maine.

Old Business Report: BOD signup sheet. Junior's bought some new items: Ashley - new winter horse blanket; Taylor - new girth and leather halter; Tory - English bridle, boots and spurs; Becky rope halter and books.

New Business Report: Need volunteers for snacks next meeting: Sally snacks and Missy drinks.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: Print out for hours for horse and rider.

**Membership Count: Senior Members: 24
Junior Members: 7 Dogs: 4**

Raffles and /or mystery gift: No raffle, No brags.

Motion to adjourn: Missy motioned, Julie seconded passed. meeting ended at 7:37pm

Christmas party followed meeting.

Wanted!**Trail Horse Wanted!**

I've been looking for a well seasoned, sane trail horse for my husband. Do you know of anyone in your trail riding group that may be looking to place their horse in a great home? My direct line is 207-692-7418 if you are willing to help we could discuss in detail. Thanks so much.

Karen Falla
201 Hostile Valley Rd.
Palermo, ME 04354

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.

Classified Ads**Brookside Wash and Mend**

Horse blanket washing and light mending.
Rates and Services:

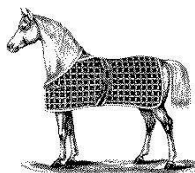
Washing: Medium/Heavy weight - \$15.
Sheets (nylon, cotton, fly) - \$10
Saddle Pads (heavy) - \$10
Saddle Pads (light) - \$8
Fly Masks - \$3

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

**Hay conveyor**

16' with motor and reverse. Used about 6 times, it was bought brand new 3 years ago and I am no longer using it. The conveyor has been stored. Asking \$750 or Best Offer.

Call Rachel Jalbert-Palian 207-713-1008.

**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.

**JL Custom Fab**

Route 201 in Bowdoin, 666-5800
M-F 8:00 to 5:00, Sat by appointment

Trailer Service and Repairs: bearings, brakes, lights, suspension and wiring

Truck and Towing Accessories: hitches, goosenecks, brake controls, racks, steps

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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))

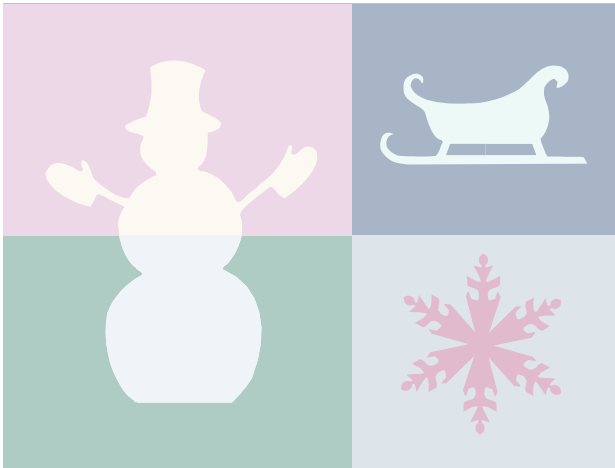


Boarding available in new barn

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



General Information

Website

<http://mainetrailriders.com>

If you have info to submit to the website, please contact Marsha Polley: 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.

Publicity

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

Email: texas.rachel@earthlink.net

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Editor's Note

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