

# Maine Trail Riders Association, Inc.

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## HOOFFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

THE NEXT MEETING IS  
MARCH 12, 2011

### President's Stall

Our first meeting of the year is now under our belts and the event calendar is pretty full! There have been many rides added to the schedule, plus we set the date for the spring show as April 30. We are already planning the spring ride agenda, Blazin' A Trail for A Cure, and the Fall Round-up. We have arranged for some entertainment on the Saturday of the Spring Ride. This is going to be an exciting and fun-filled year.

The Scrapbook fundraiser on February 26<sup>th</sup> was a success. We had 31 registrations. Numerous attendees thanked us for providing them with a great day for working on their scrapbooks, and told us that they enjoyed the time spent with us, the food, and the little extras we provided. After expenses, we raised \$725 for club. THANK YOU to everyone that helped out. And a special thanks to everyone that stepped in with no knowledge of what needed to be done and covered for me when I was called away.

Come early to the next meeting and enjoy a spaghetti supper sponsored by the juniors to raise scholarship funds! The supper starts at 6:00 and will cost \$6.00 per person. This will be followed by a guest speaker at 7:00. There is more information in the Junior Notices section and the Upcoming Events section of the news letter.

Audrey is now handling any hospitality tasks. Thank you Audrey! This help is greatly appreciated.

I hope to see you at the March meeting! Meanwhile, stay warm and think ahead to spring.

*Trudy*

**Our Next Meeting is on  
March 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.

### Spaghetti Dinner – 6PM on March 12!



### Snacks for the March meeting: Lynda



### Drinks for the March meeting: Donna



### Junior Notices

On March 12th, the MTRA Junior's will be hosting their Annual All You Can Eat Spaghetti Supper. Details are as follows:

Location: Maine Trail Riders Clubhouse, Lunts Hill Road, Litchfield Maine

Doors will open at 5:45

Cost per person is \$6

Menu: Spaghetti w/ Meatballs or Sausage, Garlic & Italian Bread, Toss Salad, Desert and Hot or Cold beverage

Proceeds will go toward the Junior Participation Scholarship Fund to be awarded during the 2011 MTRA Annual Banquet in January, 2012.

**Note: Junior's who are helping to set up and bringing food donations are asked to be at the clubhouse for 4:30 PM Saturday afternoon. Please contact me directly if you have any questions - 576-2721. If you are not sure what to bring, let me know and I will advise you of what is still available.**

See you then.

Missy

### 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).

#### Publicity

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

#### Hospitality

Thank you to Audrey for taking on this role! 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).

### 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.

Mar 12 – Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Mar 13 - Showdeo meeting, 10:00A.M., at the  
Topsham Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall

Apr 9 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

**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 - 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
- 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)
- 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 (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

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**



## Event Information

### March 12 Pre-meeting events

Doors will open at 5:45 for the Junior sponsored spaghetti dinner to begin at 6:00. Cost is \$6.00.

At 7PM there will be a presentation from the TreadLightly Maine as they promote trail etiquette and cooperation between the different users of trails to make them safe for everyone and not upset the land-owners.

### Mar 13 "Showdeo" meeting information

There will be meeting on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 A.M., at the Topsham fairgrounds in the exhibition hall. This will be 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](mailto:trudybickford@roadrunner.com)

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

## Classified Ads

### **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.



### **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



### 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

Custom Metal Fabrication: hay racks, ladders, storage solutions

**\*\*Full Trailer Safety Inspection only \$58 for MTRA Members\*\***

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### 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



### 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](http://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

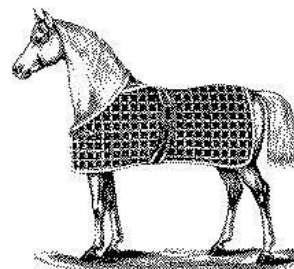
Repairs: Minor repairs (rips/tears) - \$10

\*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



### 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



**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

**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](mailto:Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com) or place a phone call to 207-582-2093.

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**Editor's Note**

The deadline for submissions for the February issue is **March 25**. 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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