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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

THE NEXT MEETING IS
MAY 14, 2011

President's Stall

It's almost time for the first rides of 2011! Cammie and I are getting ready. I hope you have all been able to get out and enjoy some of the nicer days we have had recently. Working around rainy days is becoming a pain, and surprisingly, the trails I ride are not squishy and muddy as I had expected. We hope to see at the rides in May!

As the work-bee on April 23rd was rained out, the planned clean-up at the clubhouse is behind schedule. If you are able to go over to the clubhouse anytime during the week to just help move rocks out of the arena and help move tree branches that fell this winter, it will be greatly appreciated! The clubhouse will be open on Thursday, April 28, for horse show preparation and cleanup, from 5:30PM to 9PM. There will be a board of directors meeting at 7PM.

Volunteers are still wanted for helping at the Spring Fun Show at the clubhouse on Saturday, April 30th. If you are able, please come on over and help with anything from setup to shut-down, help in the ring, hand out ribbons, etc. You could also bring in some bake goods for the food booth! Your help is critical to events such as this being a success. We need will also be running the food booth on May 1st while the Maine Quarter Horse Association runs a horse show at the clubhouse. Volunteers and food for that event are also welcome!

I hope to see you at the upcoming events!

Trudy

Our Next Meeting is
May 14, 2011 at 7:30PM

Notice to Members



Reminder for the May Meeting

Snacks: Betty Jo Drinks: Riley



Spring Fun Show:

Saturday, April 30, 2011
at the clubhouse in Litchfield



Pampered Chef Fundraiser:

Saturday, May 14, 2011, 5:00PM
at the clubhouse in Litchfield



Junior Fundraiser - Hot dog Sale:

Saturday, May 14, 2011, 10AM-2PM
at the Augusta Wal-mart.



Junior Fundraiser - Bake Sale:

Sunday, May 15, 2011, 10AM-4PM
at the Double G in Lebanon.



Fundraising

A Pampered Chef Party will be held at the clubhouse before the May meeting. The cooking show for that event will start at 5PM. For anyone wishing to place orders online, you can use the web link:

www.pamperedchef.biz/donnalskitchen

So, sell, sell, sell! A percentage of all sales will come back to the club.

Junior Notices

Do not forget that work-bees around the clubhouse are eligible for work/fundraising hours. Also if you are not riding in the show on Saturday or Sunday and want to work as part of the ring crew, ribbon person, or kitchen you will get credit.

Juniors wanting to participate in the flag presentation on Saturday should come with your pillow case flags attached to a 6 foot pole.

Upcoming Jr. Fundraisers: May 14th - Hotdog Sale, 10 - 2, Walmart, Augusta - Contact Nancy if you have questions.

May 15th - Bake Sale, 10-4 @ Double G in Lebanon - Contact Nancy if you have questions.

Juniors are asked to make yourselves available to work both events as well as make food donations.

Missy

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

Phone: 207-713-1008.



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 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 - Showdeo meeting, 10:00A.M., at the Topsham Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall
- May 14 - Junior hotdog fundraiser, Augusta Walmart (10AM to 2PM)
- May 14 - Pampered Chef fundraiser, 5PM at the MTRA club house
- May 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house
- May 15 - Junior bake sale, Double G in Lebanon (10AM to 4PM)
- May 21 - **Turner ride, sponsored by Nora MacDonald



Turner Ride, May 23, 2010

- 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
- Jul y 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 26-28 - **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 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**

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

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

May ride information

Jay RR Bed ride May 7th 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.



Newport RR bed ride May 8th 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.



Turner ride on May 22rd sponsored by Nora MacDonald:

Ride starts at 9:30 am.

Riders will need to bring a pack lunch, halters and lead lines as we will be having lunch on the trail. We will be out about 4 hours not including lunch time.

Footing at the Turner Game Preserve can be rocky so I would recommend shoes or boots for horses with tender feet. There are a few hills but nothing serious. This area is a multi use area, expect to encounter, 4 wheelers, dirt bikes, mountain bikes, and hikers. Dogs are welcome; there are no road crossings.

Directions from Augusta: take Route 202 South to Greene. At flashing yellow light take right onto Allen Pond Rd. (Landry's Quick Stop on corner). Follow Allen Pond Road for about 5 miles. After crossing a large metal bridge over the Androscoggin River, (road name changes to Center Bridge Road) proceed approximately a quarter mile, parking lot is on the left. Look for yellow MTRA signs.

Directions from Lewiston: take Route 202 North to Greene. Take left on Allen Pond Road and then follow the directions above.



Pampered Chef fundraising, Turner, May 16, 2009



Greene ride May 23rd sponsored by Taylor Weeks and Melissa Bourgoin:

We will ride out at 10:00 having lunch on the trail and circling back around. The whole ride will be around 3.5 hours. Terrain will be fairly easy with moderate hill climbs. Footing will be mostly soft sand and pine needles but we will be on a couple gravel roads. I make no promises about water/mud it will depend on the weather, however all water holes are solid on the bottom. Pack a lunch, halter and lead lines.

Directions: Take Route 202 North or South into Greene. At the flashing light take left/right onto Allen Pond Road. Follow Allen Pond Road for 4 miles, turn right on Additon Road. We are the 6th driveway on the right. Look for the yellow MTRA signs.

Questions regarding the ride, directions from your home, etc, call Missy at 946-5639 (after dark).



June ride information

Bingham RR bed ride June 4th sponsored by Audrey Colfer and Valerie Fullerton:

Ride starts at 10 am.

Directions from Augusta: head north on I-95. Take exit 133. Follow route 201 north through Skowhegan & Solon. As you come down the hill after the 'welcome to Bingham' sign, parking is on the right. Watch for MTRA signs. Please clean up any hay or manure before leaving parking lot at the end of the day.

We will ride 2 hours to the boat landing on the old railroad bed where we will break for lunch. After lunch you can return the same way you came or some of us will do the loop up around route 201. It makes the ride about an hour longer.



Blanchard RR bed ride June 18 & 19 sponsored by Brenda and Dana Lary:

The Blanchard Ride will be on property located by an old Railroad Bed which is also a Snowmobile Trail. It will be mostly R/R Bed riding with some

woods Trail to get around a Trestle that is not there. I have not been there in the summer but the owner says there is room to park 10 or 12 big rigs for camping.

I will be going up Memorial Weekend so I will have more info in the June Hoofbeats. You will be able to arrive Friday if you wish. One Ride will be To Shirley, which is 7 miles one way, 14 miles up & back. One ride will be to Whetstone Pond & Piper Pond and back, 11.5 miles for this Ride. I will solicit a donation from each Rig for the owner for camping.

Blanchard is West of Monson off Route 6 & 15. Before you get into Monson, the Blanchard Road takes off on the left at a corner at the foot of Tenny Hill. If you come into Monson, you have gone too far. There will be signs from Route 15.

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

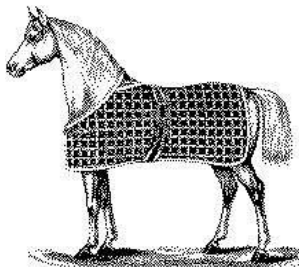
Repairs: Minor repairs (rips/tears) - \$10

*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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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

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Donna LeBlond, Spring Show, May 1, 2010

Editor's Note

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