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HOOFFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
NOVEMBER 5, 2011**

President's Stall

Cool days and crisp nights... The calendar says this is the start of fall, but with the warm weather we have been having, it sure does not seem like it. There is a wonderful line-up of rides coming up and I hope you are looking forward to enjoying the remainder of our riding season as much as I am.

A big "Thank you!!" goes out to everyone that pitched in at the Litchfield Fair food booth. With your help, this was another successful fund raiser for our club! As usual, Nancy did a wonderful job of getting the booth ready and planning the food. Rob Bourgoïn spent a couple of days making the booth nicer, brighter, and easier to clean area by lining the walls. And, numerous folks pitched in throughout the weekend to keep things running. Your efforts are appreciated! THANK YOU!

The show committee met on Thursday, September 22, and made the decision to cancel the Topsham Fair show. They arranged for a show date and a rain date for next year. We will need to be diligent and promote the show in advance as the first date is a Saturday instead of the Sunday that everyone is familiar with, with the Sunday as the rain date. So please reserve the dates August 4, 2012, for the show and August 5, 2012, as the rain date!

There is no October meeting because we will be busy riding, but the next meeting in November will need your participation as that is the annual election of officers and board members. Please try to come to the November 5 meeting!

I hope to see you hanging out at a campfire or out on the trail!

Trudy

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

Notice to Members



NOTE: There is no membership meeting in October.



The October 22, Topsham Fair Show, has been cancelled.



Have you seen our signs? The club has several signs for use on the rides and events. Three of them have been sent out for use at the Mt Pisgah Ride, but the others have vanished! If you have them, could you please return them to the clubhouse or call an officer and we will arrange for them to be picked up.



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.

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 - **Newport RR Bed Ride sponsored by Torrie and Sheila Gilson

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

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: 207-582-2093



October ride information

October 1 - Mt Pisgah Ride sponsored by Sally Labree:

The Mt. Pisgah Monmouth ride is about 4 hours. We stop for lunch on the trail so please bring your food with you. We will leave at 10 a.m. from the fire station in North Monmouth.

Some of the trail is rocky so please plan for that, nothing major though.

Directions:

From the south, take RT 202 towards Augusta. At the intersection of Blaisdell Road and RT 202, take a Left onto Blaisdell road (just before the left is a Garage/RV repair shop, look for the big campers).

Go down Blaisdell road to the first intersection, then, turn Right. Go 4/10 of a mile to the North Monmouth fire station, which will be on your Right.

From the north, take RT 202 south towards Lewiston. Look for Knowles lumber yard as you approach Monmouth. Proceed about ¾ mile after the lumber yard and turn Right onto Blaisdell Road (just before the Garage/RV camper repair shop). Turn Right onto Blaisdell Road to the first intersection, then, turn Right. Go 4/10 of a mile to the North Monmouth fire station, which will be on your Right.

For more info or any questions please call Sally at 207-933-9163

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West Gardiner morning, October 3, 2010

### October 2 West Gardiner sponsored by Cathy Small:

Campers are welcome on Saturday night after the Mt. Pisgah Ride. There is room for portable fencing and water for the horses is available from the pond. We will have a central location for a fire pit, weather permitting. For those of you that have camped here before, I'm sure you will agree this is a beautiful location. Please come and enjoy.

The ride on Sunday will begin at 9:30 and be about 4 hours with a lunch break out on the trail. Remember your halter and lead lines and your saddlebag lunch. Any questions, contact Cathy @ 207-582-2093.

### Directions:

For those people attending Saturday's ride, you are welcome to follow me back to the camping site for the night.

OR, From 295 and 95 Exits, head east towards Lewiston on Rt. 126. Go 3 miles to a yellow blinking light at Spears Corner. Turn right onto Spears Corner Road. Go 1/2 mile in and turn right into a driveway (across from my driveway, which is on the left). Follow the MTRA signs.

Coming from Lewiston come out Rt. 126, go past the Dennis Hill Road (the turn to go to the clubhouse) stay on Rt. 126 passing 126 Citgo Gas Station and go over the Cobbossee Stream Bridge (this is the Litchfield/West Gardiner line). Horseshoe Pond will be on your right. When you come to the yellow blinking light at the intersection of Bog Hill Road (on your right) and Spears Corner Road (on your left) take the left onto the Spears Corner Road. Go 1/2 mile in and turn right into a driveway (across from my driveway, which is on the left). Follow the MTRA signs.

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October 8-10 - Mt. Vernon Ride co-sponsored by Walt Williams & Sandy Zack:

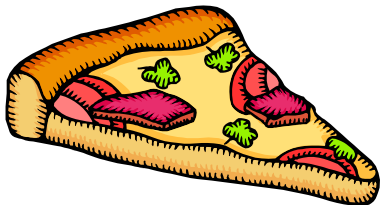
Come one, Come all. This is a beautiful ride. You will need to bring your own water. Each day the ride leaves at 9:30 and will be about 4-5 hours long. Lunch will be either out on the trail or back at the trailers. Check with Walt before you pack your saddlebags.

There will be a potluck supper on Saturday night!

Directions:

From Manchester, take Rt. 17 towards Readfield. Go about 5 miles. Cross the railroad tracks, turn right onto the North Road just after the tracks. Then turn right onto the Weeks Mill Road. Go straight at the first stop sign, road bears right about 1 mile from stop sign. Bear left and go straight up the hill, this is the Cottle Hill Road. After this road turns to dirt, take the next Right down a camp road. Go through a green gate and parking will be in the field wherever you wish. Any questions contact Walt or Sandy @ 207-293-3068.

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**October 15-16 - Parkman Ride co-sponsored by Donna Tripp and Ashley Weeks:**

Camping is available Friday through Sunday. Bring water and spread manure in the field because this is a hayfield we camp in. There will be a lot of gravel roads so if your horse is tender footed you may want shoes. These trails are also accessible by cart if anyone wants to drive. The ride starts at 9:30 and lunch will be on the trail both days.

A "Make Your Own Pizza" Party will be held Saturday night courtesy of the landowners. Please bring a favorite pizza topping, salad, or sweet treat to share.

**Directions:**

Take I-95 to Newport Exit 157. Take a left on Route 7 North to Dexter; take first left after Hannaford supermarket on Route 23 North. Go 1.5 miles, and take 2nd left after the lake onto Cambridge Road, watch for signs. Continue for 4 miles the field we will be camping in is on the right, watch for signs.

Contact info: Donna Tripp 207-582-5532 at home until Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, or cell 207-446-7982 (reception is iffy at camp). If unable to reach Donna, contact Nancy Weeks 207-724-3302.



**October 23 Newport RR Bed Ride – 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, 207-278-2777. 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 207-446-8914 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.



**October 30 - Popham Beach Ride sponsored by Karen Brown:**

Ride will start at 9:30am from the Popham Beach State Park parking lot. (not by the Fort).

Ride will be at your own pace so amble along or take a nice gallop. It's up to you!

Lunch will be back at the trailers at 1pm (ish). Bring your own lunch.

Let's do our part and help keep this nice beach open to horses by being mindful of others and pick up all manure and hay from the parking lot and walkways leading down to the ocean.

Low tide: 8:02am

High tide: 2:22pm

**Directions:**

From Route 1 in Bath, take ramp for High Street (State Route 209), go 2.4 miles bear left (south) with State Route 209, which turns into Bridge Street. Keeping on 209 go approx 4 miles then bear Left onto Parker Head Road. Go 5 miles and turn left staying on 209 still. Go 2.9 miles and the Park entrance is on the right. There are State Park signs most of the way in. There is also a \$1.50 day-use gate fee at the entrance of the park.

Any questions, contact Karen @ 207-671-4082.

**Memorials**

Our sincerest sympathies and condolences go out to Marianne Cogswell on the loss of her husband Ed (September 1, 2011):

“When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.” ~Kahlil Gibran



Skye  
August 19th  
Rueben  
August 23

Grieve not, nor speak of me with tears  
but laugh and talk of me as if I were beside you---  
I loved you so---  
Twas Heaven here with you---

They will be missed.  
Sally Labree

**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.

**Classified Ads****Horse equipment for Sale!**

We no longer have horses and have many items for sale that have been purchased over the years. We have a Tucker Gen II saddle that includes breast plate and bridle, pads, a round bale feeder, two watering tubs (one that is insulated), many buckets, fence posts and rope fencing. All are in excellent condition.

If you are interested in anything or just want to call to see if we have something, please do. Make us a reasonable offer and let's talk.

Bud and Pam 207-685-4796.

**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.



### 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))



Reg. QH mare 15.2h sorrel blaze 4 white socks. Great for the vet and farrier. Everything is up to date. She is green so a knowledgeable home is a must! She's been on the ocean riding and did well. She has been to Arcadia did well on the trails. She just needs someone to spend time with her and finish her training. Call Leann at 207-713-8683 or Audrey at 207-756-9072 for more info.



### 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

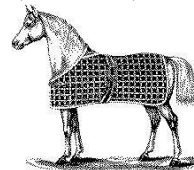
Repairs: Minor repairs (rips/tears) - \$10

\*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



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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:

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## Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the September issue is **October 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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