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HÖÖFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

THE NEXT MEETING IS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

President's Stall

Thank you to everyone that pitched in to help decide what to do when it rained hard the day of the Topsham show, and that pitched in to help notify the people that had registered in advance. Instead of outright cancelling the event, it has been arranged that the show will be held at the fairgrounds on October 22, with a rain date of October 23.

Twenty four riders got together on August 13 for the second annual Blazin' A Trail For A Cure ride. The ride took off at 12:30 as planned, and lasted about 3.5 hours. It was a hot, humid day, but was still nice to be out riding!

I would like to place a plea for help at the Litchfield fair food booth! This event is our most successful fundraiser each year, and it is the donations of food and the smiling faces of the helpers that contribute to this being so successful. The food booth opens up on Friday, and runs until Sunday.

On Saturday, September 17, we will not only have day one of the fall ride, but we will have a pig roast for supper that evening. We will need to charge enough to recoup the expense for the barbeque pit, so we will need to charge \$10. So we can plan for enough food, please call 207-720-0550 or email trudybickford@roadrunner.com with the number of folks that will attend. You will be able to attend regardless, and pay at the "door". Non-members are welcome! Please help spread the word.

Also on Saturday, September 17, we will have a guest speaker at 7PM. Doreen Dunn will be giving a presentation on Melaleuca products.

Trudy

**Our Next Meeting is
September 17, 2011 at 7:30PM**

Notice to Members



Instead of a full potluck supper at the Fall Ride, we have arranged for a Pig Roast!

Sept 17, 5:30PM - Cost is \$10 per person, and we are looking for side dishes to be brought.



Volunteers are needed for the Litchfield fair food booth, September 10 to 12.



Junior Notices

Reminder to Junior's:

1. You can help at out the Litchfield Fair food booth to earn participation hours.
2. There will be a junior meeting in September.

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

September ride information

The Annual Memorial Ride (Sept 3-5) has been changed to Frye Mt ride Sept 3rd sponsored by Marianne Cogswell:

Trail Riders, due to Ed's Heart Attack in May, our annual ride will be different this year. The ride will be Saturday September 3rd at Frye Mt. State Game Wild Life Preserve. Great dirt trail roads – bring your saddle bag lunch as we will have lunch in the woods/field. There is usually water at

stream crossings, as long as the weather has not had a dry spell. The ride will be around the mountain.

Everyone should bring water for your horses to have at the parking area before we leave for the ride and also for when you return.

Parking is at the Ranger's Garage, which is at the entrance of Frye Mt., on your left. When you come to park, park close to one another since trailers are bigger now and the area is the same limited size.

The ride starts at 10AM. It is a day ride, lunch for an hour, and we will be back in around 4PM. If Saturday, September 3, is raining in the morning, the ride will be on Sunday, September 4. Any questions, call 437-5844 in the evening or 692-7472, since if it is raining in your area Saturday morning, it may not be raining at the ride site, so call if you are unsure.

Directions: Fry Mt Morrill Maine on Route 220, which is off Route 3. You can GPS it or it is on the Maine Maps.

Looking ahead to 2012 to be a healthier year and back on track for our annual, 3-day ride.

See ya on the trails,
Marianne C.



Annual Fall Round-Up ride September 17 & 18 at MTRA Club House

Both Saturday and Sunday's rides will begin at 9:30 AM.

On Saturday night, there will be a pig roast supper (5:30PM), a junior meeting, a guest presentation on Melaleuca products (7:00PM), and a membership meeting (7:30PM).

Please plan on bringing a lunch, halter and lead line as lunch will be on the trail. Each ride will be approximately 4 to 4 1/2 hours with an hour for lunch. We will try to keep the ride on trails however there will be some road riding as well.



Albion/China ride, September 26, 2010

China/Albion ride September 24-25 sponsored by Elaine Bolen and Tess Carter:

You can come and camp in our field anytime after 2 pm on Friday the 23rd.

Our rides will consist of some road riding and mixed terrain. Lunches will be on the trails.

Saturday night is potluck. Sunday we will serve breakfast, then head out on the trail, and when we arrive back we will have snacks.

Dogs are welcome, but this year I will be having a young litter (2-3 weeks) of golden retriever pups at our place, this is Annie's very first litter, so I would ask everyone to keep their dogs at their sites and on leashes as I don't know how Annie will be, she is very protective.

Thank you.

Elaine

Any questions, call 437-4115, or 437-2060. Our address is 180 Bessey Ridge Rd, Albion, ME 04910



Acadia:

In the April & May's Hoofbeats, a Sept 22-29 non-affiliated ride in Acadia sponsored by Rob Morin was announced. That ride has been CANCELLED. I have been alerted that several folks may have already booked campsites. If you wish to join them give me a call and I can put you in contact with them (207-720-0550).

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.

Sept 3 - **Frye Mountain sponsored by Marianne Cogswell (rain date Sept 4)

Sept 9-11 Litchfield Fair Food Booth

Sept 17 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Sept 17-18 - **Fall Ride at the MTRA club house

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

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

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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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)



Handyman Available!

Strong young man seeking odd jobs. Need help haying, lugging firewood, landscaping, misc. work? I am living in Litchfield for the summer. MTRA referances available. Call Mike at (508) 341-8703.



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Sheets (nylon, cotton, fly) - \$10
Saddle Pads (heavy) - \$10
Saddle Pads (light) - \$8
Fly Masks - \$3

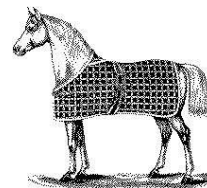
Repairs: Minor repairs (rips/tears) - \$10

*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



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.



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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Fall Ride, September 19, 2010

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Editor's Note

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