

Maine Trail Riders

Association, Inc.

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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

THE NEXT MEETING IS

September 15, 2017

President's Stall

We completed another show at the Topsham Fairgrounds, on August 6. Thank you very much to everyone that came to help out and/or participate in the show. It was a really nice day, and I hope everyone had a great time!

Now we need to start planning for the food booth at the Litchfield Fairgrounds, September 8, 9, and 10. We need lots of help at this food booth as it gets very busy, especially Friday night, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and in the evening. We are in need of people to help setup and take-down, work at the counter, run the grills, fix hotdogs and other sandwiches, and many other tasks.

We are also looking for donations of food for this event. Give Nancy a call if you can help with some baking or food items of some kind!

Nancy Weeks needs to plan the schedule, so if you can help, even if only for a couple of hours, or for donations, please contact Nancy via email to mcgiver@tds.net, or call 207-557-3302.

Our Fall ride this year, September 16 and 17, will be at the clubhouse as usual. Folks are invited to camp out and ride both days. The club membership meeting will still be held on Friday night at the MTRA club house.

Happy Trails! See you at the MTRA meetings and events!

Trudy.

THE SECRETARY'S PAGE

MTRA General Membership Meeting

The August 5, 2017 meeting was called to order by President, Trudy Bickford @ 7:05 p.m. @ Nancy Weeks residence in West. Gardiner

Guests Introduction / New Members: No report

Secretary's Report: [Posted in Hoofbeats for general membership review. Motion to accept as posted by Nora, seconded by Nancy and passed](#)

Treasurer's Report: Copies of report passed out to general membership for review, read & accepted.

Board of Director's Report:: There is a vacancy on the BOD due to Nora's recent resignation. Options to fill this vacancy will be doe via e-mail.

Committees:

Trail Report: General membership discussed the possibility of moving the fall ride being held on 9/16 & 9/17 from the clubhouse to a new location @ Marsha Polley-Bonin's residence in Chelsea. Motion to move the ride to the new location made by Nancy, seconded by Donna and passed.

Show: Sandy spoke with regards to the upcoming Topsham show. Lots of volunteers are needed for this show even if you can only fill a 1-hour slot it would be greatly appreciated.

Publicity Report: No report

Building and Land: No report

Fund Raising: Cathy read the basic report for the Haley Cummings Fund Raiser to the membership. The MBHA Fund Raiser for 8/12 & 8/13 has been cancelled due to a conflict between the new director and the director that was stepping down so MBHA has hired a food booth out of Dover, N.H. for the event. The quilt that was made & donated by Elena for a fundraiser will be raffled off tomorrow @ the Topsham Fair Horse Show with ½ of the proceeds going to the Lulu Fund. Lynn, Sally & Nora are the committee members working on the Christmas time fund raiser. Lynn stated that she has not received a response from Mike, the owner of the Acadia Carriage Driving Business. Sandy will reach out to one of her insured's, Butch & Becky Durgin to see if they might be willing to fill this position. Nora asked if anyone might have a nice Santa & Mrs. Santa costumes that her & Rick could borrow or they are going to purchase some as they rented the ones they used last year from Drapeaus and they were quite pricey.

Food Committee Report: No report

Entertainment Committee Report: No report

Parade Committee Report: No report

Hospitality Committee Report: Cathy sent a card to Rachel Jalbert-Pailen. Marsha stated that Lance had gone over to Dana & Brenda's and has started cutting firewood for them.

Junior's Report: No report

Correspondence Report: No report

Old Business: No report

New Business: No report

Remarks for the Good of the Order: Per Donna, Clint Kinney has been admitted to a long-term care facility in Augusta

Brag: No report

Membership Count: 11 Seniors / 5 Dogs

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Nora, seconded by Donna - meeting adjourned @ 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Litchfield Fair is opening soon! We need your help. Please call Nancy Weeks to sign up to help in the food booth and/or bake goods for us to sell. This is a MAJOR fundraiser for the club.

Please help support your club. Thank you!!!

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. 8 thru 10 - Litchfield Fair Food Booth Volunteers needed and baked goods.

Sept. 11 - Andover Ride sponsored by Walt Williams. The week of Sept 10-17 is open for anybody to camp for the week at Andover.

Sept. 15 - MTRA monthly meeting

Sept. 16 & 17 - MTRA Fall Trail Ride @ clubhouse

Sept. 23 & 24 - Shirley Mills Ride sponsored by Brenda & Dana Lary

Sept 30 & Oct 1 - Parkman Ride sponsored by Donna Tripp

Oct 7 thru 9 - Mt Vernon Ride sponsored by Walt Williams

Oct. 14 - MTRA monthly meeting cancelled

Oct. 14 - Greene ride sponsored by Missy Bourgoin

Oct. 15 - Turner Ride sponsored by Nora MacDonald

Oct 21 - Fall Fun Show at Clubhouse Cancelled

Oct. 22 - Newport Ride sponsored by Nancy Weeks

Oct. 29 - West Gardiner Ride sponsored by Cathy Small

Nov. 4 - MTRA Annual meeting

Nov 5 - Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour

Dec. 9 - MTRA monthly meeting and Christmas Party, Tentatively Visit with Santa with Breakfast and sleigh rides from 8am to 11am.

Ride Information

Contact the trail secretary, Cathy Small, to sponsor a ride:

Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com Phone: 207-582-2093





WINNER OF THE MTRA FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Pictured is Matty Lyons the proud winner of the beautiful western motif quilt hand-made and donated by Elena Ledger, one of our members. Matty's ticket was purchased at the Topsham Fair Horse Show by her mother while Matty was in the ring competing.

Proceeds from the raffle will be shared by the LULU Fund (Hallee Cummings) and our club.

Thank you Elena! We greatly appreciate all the hard work that went into making this incredibly beautiful quilt. Your long distance dedication to help support the club is very impressive. Thank you again.

FYI

DID YOU KNOW:

Horsing around.

Origin: Horses tend to jump around and be destructive when playing together.

Most common meaning: Refers to children playing recklessly.

From the desk of

THE TRAIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

RESPONSE TO FALL RIDE

I am sorry I couldn't make it to the Director's Meeting but I had a chance to get some wood cut , thanks to Lance Polly . I would just like to say that it was a poor choice to move the Fall Ride . I realize that you needed a ride date but I kind of think it should have been talked over by the Trail Committee . I know Brenda gave the impression that there was a possibility that I would not be able to lead the Ride . I am sure if this happened there could be somebody would be willing to lead the Ride. I have been having some health issues but I would most likely been able to lead it , at least one day. I know the attendance has been low and it may take some time to build it up but with combined effort of the Trail Riders we may be able to build up interest and possibly gain new members . We have 3 good Trails which we can improve upon and we may even be able to find some new ones. I Was going to work out some of the problems with interested Trail Riders . I cannot do it alone. Moving the Trail Ride to a new location sets us back another year. Another possibility is to advertise our weekend camping rides. That may even get us some new members. Things change and Clubs have a slow participation but we have to be patient and try to offer something to attract riders and Show people . We need more participation of Members .

RIDE INFORMATION

Andover - September 10th thru the 17th

All are welcome to ride and camp from September 10th thru the 17th, but only the 11th is an affiliated MTRA ride that counts towards year-end awards.

There will be water available from the river as the Ellis River is right near the campsites. There is a fee of \$10 per night per rig, payable to the town of Andover. There is a store and a porta potty nearby.

The affiliated ride starts at 10:00AM and will be mostly trails, there will not be much road riding. Lunch will be on the trail. Riding time will be 3-4 hours.

Directions: Go to Rumford and take Route 2 out of Rumford. Continue on Route 2 until you come

Fall Ride - September 16th and 17th

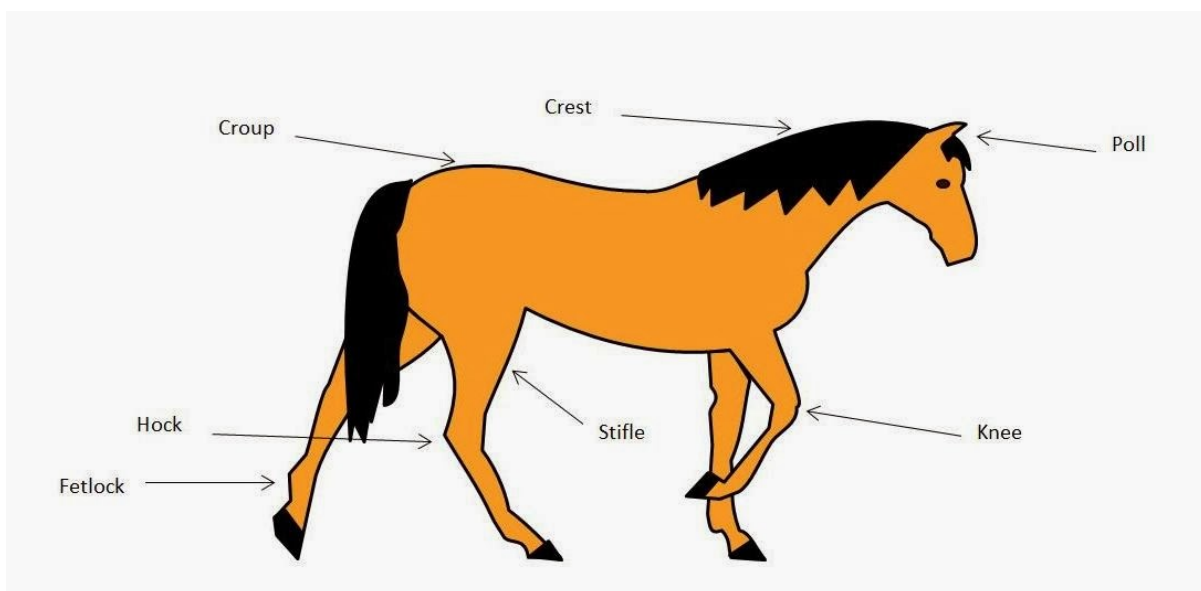
Rides for both days will be from the clubhouse. Ride leaves at 10 AM. Camping available. Lunch will be out on the trail, so bring food and lead lines and halters.

Shirley - September 23rd and 24th, 2017

Follow Rt # 6 & 15 from Guilford North 12mi to Monson. Shirley will be about 7mi from Monson. There will be a sign at Shirley Corner and one on left where we camp. Rides will be mostly R/R beds. There will be a \$10 fee per person, per night for camping. Horses & Trailers are free. You may arrive Friday Night if you wish. Shots for your horses should be up to date.

Parkman - September 30th and October 1st

Sept 30 and Oct 1st – Parkman Ride sponsored by Donna Tripp (207-446-7982): 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 rides start at 10:00. Saturday's ride will be 3-4 hours pack your lunch. Sunday's ride will be about 3 hours, and there will be a corn chowder and beef stew for lunch at a camp. 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 Sept 30, or cellphone 207-446-7982 (reception is iffy at camp).



SEPTEMBER TRIVIA

Old Billy, the oldest horse on record, lived to be how old?

A. 42 B. 52 C. 62 D. 72

Answer will be in next months HB's

Website

<http://mainetrailriders.com>

If you have info to submit to the website, please contact Trudy Bickford by phone 207-720-0550 or email trudybickford@mainetrailriders.com.

Hospitality

Please help Cathy Small by keeping her informed of anything where the club should send out a card, flowers or more. She can be contacted via email at: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com

Recycle-IT

Sally LaBree has **2 porta potties she would like to sell. If you are interested please contact her at 207-933-9163.

****2004 Silverstar three horse** slant load week-ender camper pkg. Large fridge, stove , sink, water tank for sink. no toilet, will send along the porta potty! lots of cabinets for storage
In excellent condition always wintered inside.

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Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the June issue is May **24**. Send your email address if you would like to receive this newsletter via email. Photos and tips are welcome!

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