

# Metamora Hunt Newsletter

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## Tip of the Month: By Joseph Maday, MFH

**If your horse has a tendency to kick, put a red ribbon on it's tail. This warning symbol does not relieve you from the primary responsibility of keeping the mount at a safe distance from others. Horses that kick should be ridden in the back of the field, even when a red ribbon is worn.**

## New Website:

[www.metamorahunt.com](http://www.metamorahunt.com)

The new Hunt website is up and ready for your visit! Most of the content is available to all that visit. There is a Members Only section for current Riding Members that requires a user name and password. Riding

## Hounds & Hunting

August is the month that we all have been waiting for as hunting will begin! Members, if you have not yet received your Fixture Card, please visit our new website: [www.metamorahunt.com](http://www.metamorahunt.com) and use your password and user name to enter the Members Only section. You may also contact Honorary Secretary Cindy Dillon: [cindy@dillonreo.com](mailto:cindy@dillonreo.com)

Huntsman Adrian Smith and Staff have been working especially hard the past weeks and our pack looks to be fit and ready. Please note that the August Fixture Card includes some additional hunts on Mondays. Our Masters have expanded the hunting schedule in August to offer these additional hunts for the benefit of our members.

If inclement weather occurs on the morning of any hunt, please contact the Hunt Kennels for updates: 810-678-2711.

**Youth Hunt:** Our annual Youth Hunt will be Monday, August 9th, leaving from the Hunt Kennels at 9am. We believe that we will have a good turnout including several riders from the Metamora Hunt Pony Club. The Youth Hunt is designed to provide a positive experience for young people getting started in Fox Hunting. Our Masters, Staff, and other experienced adult riders will be present to help and guide our fox hunters.

For the Youth Hunt a line of artificial scent is laid down for the hounds to follow instead of having them search for the scent of a real fox or coyote. This assures that our young fox hunters will have the opportunity to follow the hounds as they "speak" or howl while following the scent. It is traditional for the young riders to dress in "show clothes" for the Youth Hunt, however accommodations will be made for minor diversions in dress. For additional information please

Members, you will receive a system generated email from [WordPress@metamorphahunt.com](mailto:WordPress@metamorphahunt.com) that contains yours. Contact Gay Kent with any questions: [glenwoodfarms@yahoo.com](mailto:glenwoodfarms@yahoo.com)

call Joe Maday: 248-628-7203.

**Opening Day of Informal Hunting:** Is [Wednesday, August 11th](#). Please check your Fixture Card for this and other Meets.

### **Additional News:**

**Introductory Membership Offer:** To accommodate riders that have never been members of the Metamora Hunt, or are new to Fox Hunting, the Metamora Hunt is now offering an Introductory Membership for the 2010-2011 [Hunt Season](#). For information on this very affordable, full season offer for unlimited hunts, please contact Cindy Dillon: [cindy@dillonreo.com](mailto:cindy@dillonreo.com), 586-531-1859.

**Capping:** Guests may hunt with the prior consent of one of our Masters of Foxhounds: Joseph Kent: 248-628-2065: Joseph Maday: 248-628-7203. The capping fee for regular hunts is \$55 for adults and \$25 for juniors. Guests may cap a maximum of 3 times per season.

**Made Hunt Horse for sale:** The Hunt is offering Ace, a 10 year old Percheron/QH gelding. Ace is dark grey and stands 16.2hh. and has hunted 3 seasons with the Metamora Hunt. He is comfortable and quiet in both first and second flights. Healthy, sound, and no vices. Priced to move at \$5,000. Contact Joe Kent, MFH: [j.kent@smallbizpros.com](mailto:j.kent@smallbizpros.com) 248-628-2065

**Metamora Days Parade:** Metamora Hunt Members are encouraged to walk with the hounds in the Parade [or Saturday, August 28th](#). Dress is formal. Please contact Joe Kent, MFH, or Joe Maday, MFH for details.

## Hunt Activities

### **Hunt Country Stable Tour - August 22nd.**

Please plan on joining us for this wonderful event. This self directed tour will showcase stables never before open to the public. Metamora Hunt volunteers will be on site to direct you. All showcased stables are within a short drive of the Metamora Hunt Kennels at 5614 Barber Rd. Metamora, MI 48455. \$25 tickets and Stable Site Maps are available the day of the tour, beginning at 11am at the Hunt Kennels. Advance sales available by calling Joe

Maday:248.628.7203 Hunt Members: Please consider buying a block of 4 tickets to the Stable Tour and bringing some friends!

- **Metamora Days Parade - August 28th.**

Metamora Hunt Staff, Members and hounds will walk in the Parade through downtown Metamora. Please be there to smile and wave with us!

**Trail Trimming Work Days:**

Will be August 1st. and August 15th.

Please join us at the Hunt Kennels at 9am to trim trails in our Hunt Country. We need your help! So please bring whatever equipment you might have.

**Hound exercising:** including Members is available most non hunting mornings. Huntsman and Staff are on bicycles, please call the Kennels (810-678-2711) for updates.

## Calendar of Events

- **Youth Hunt - Monday August 9**

Contact Joe Maday: 248-628-7203

**First Day of Informal Hunting:**

Wednesday August 11th.

**Hunt Country Stable Tour**

**Sunday August 22nd.**

Contact Joe Maday: 248-628-7203

**Metamora Days Parade:** Saturday, August 28th.

**Opening Days of Formal Hunting:**

North Country: Saturday - September 18th

Metamora Hunt Country - Saturday - Sept. 25th.

**Celebration of the Horse:** September 25th.

Contact Equine Gatherings:

[www.equinegatherings.com](http://www.equinegatherings.com)

**Hunter Trials:** Sunday - October 10th.