

Metamora Hunt Newsletter

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Tip of the Month:

By Joseph Maday, MFH

Every rider should stay alert and be watching for Staff, or the Huntsman who may need to pass through the field of riders. Let others know by calling "Staff Please" or "Huntsman Please".

ALWAYS take your horse off the path if possible, and ALWAYS turn your horse's head toward the rider to prevent any possibility of your horse kicking out as they pass.

Safety First:

By Bob Carden

The change in weather and footing that comes in November should prompt all of us to be aware that we should give our horses their best chance to be sure footed and safe. Consider consulting with your Farrier, Vet, and possibly other experienced

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Kent, MFH

The 2010-2011 season and your hounds are in full bloom. Gone are the experiments and the unknowns of Staff hunting, and later Cub Hunting. Gone are the "extra-curricular" excitement of Opening Days, Hunter Trials, and the [Hunter Pace](#). Gone are the leaves. The real deal is upon us, and we now settle into the core of the [hunt season](#).

Your pack has met the challenge. Razor (2009) recently gave a healthy red fox the thrill of his life with a chase across Hunters Run Farm. Fortunately for the fox, he fit under the bottom rail of a paddock fence. Poor Razor was so focused on the scent that he neglected to allow for his own height. He is well, but a little wiser. Is protective headwear for hounds next?

On Saturday, October 23rd. the pack electrified our Members near the intersection of Blood and Hendrie Roads, when responding to Adrian, and once again, Razor, who both had a coyote in their sights. Adrian jumped a five-bar metal gate near Metamora Road to stay in pursuit. Seconds matter where scent is concerned, and your Staff's lightning-quick reaction allowed for turning the coyote back from downtown Metamora to where the rest of the pack could join in. A perfect outcome to a perfect day, and a preview of coming attractions. Drink it up.

Additional News:

The passing of Mr. Warren Packard:

Mr. Packard began hunting with the Metamora Hunt in the 1930's and was our Master of Foxhounds for 10 years. He will be missed by [fox hunters](#) everywhere. Mr. Packard's funeral was October 30th. in [Warren, Ohio](#). A complete obituary will appear in the next issue of Covertside Magazine. Memorial contributions

Hunt Members to determine the best choice of shoes, pads, and possibly studs for your mount. Be aware and stay safe out there.

Looking Your Best:
By Guest Columnist
Priscilla Tuttington, QFP
The Doubtfire Hunt, UK

As you may know, I have extended my stay in Metamora well past my original plans to return to my beloved England. There are rumours that I am smitten with your handsome Huntsman, but a woman of my years is able to appreciate beauty in many things without losing her head. It is the wonderful sport shown by your Masters that has caused me to linger. The coyotes that frequent your coverts do run like a straight necked fox with the very Devil after him!

Your Thanksgiving Day Meet is just a few short weeks away. Do be sure to braid your horses for this most formal of hunts. Gentlemen I remind you that proper attire includes gloves that are of white wool or cotton string. Tan or brown leather are preferred. Black is acceptable. However the yellow leather work gloves that some of your are wearing are only acceptable for stable chores. I have no doubt that you will be able to find a proper pair of gloves in the charming shops of Metamora.

My regards to you all. I look forward to seeing you out hunting in your very best this

may be made in Mr. Packard's name to the Packard Museum, 1899 Mahoning Ave., Warren, OH 44483.

Metamora Hunter Trials: Were a huge success! Thanks go out to the many competitors and to Debbie Pace for a wonderful job as the Organizer. We also extend our gratitude to the Landowners and Members who volunteered to revitalize the Hunter Trials course and to those that made our Trials run so smoothly! To see photos of the Hunter Trials just click on: <http://www.metamorahunt.com/hunter-trials-2010/>

Thanksgiving Day Hunt: Will leave from a new location this year: Walkabout Farm on Delano Rd. This is a formal hunt, so horses should be braided! Cappers are welcome, please contact our Honorary Secretary Cindy Dillon (586.531.1859) to make your arrangements. The Capping Fee for Thanksgiving is \$100 for adults and \$25 for juniors.

Hunt Ball: The date for the Hunt Ball is Saturday, January 29th. We have a new location! The Hunt Ball will be held at the fabulous Devil's Ridge Golf Club. We will have a new band this year and an open bar! Please set this evening aside and please plan on bringing some friends for dining, dancing, and fun. For information, please contact Marcia Turner (810-796-3359).

Hunt Photos: We are most fortunate to have some talented and devoted photographers that cover many of our hunts. To view the work of Photographer Peter Gilles just click on: www.metamoraphoto.com and then click on Recent Events. Additional photos may be viewed on the Metamora Hunt website: www.metamorahunt.com

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. The capping fee for the Thanksgiving Hunt is \$100 for adults and \$25 for juniors. Guests may cap a maximum of 3 times per season.

Hunt Activities:

Gymkhana: The Metamora Hunt Gymkhana will be held on November 20th. at Crescent Ridge Farm on

month.

Barber Rd., Starting at 9am. What is Gymkhana? It's games on horseback! All you need is a horse or pony that will put up with this nonsense, a safety helmet, and a good sense of humor! Prizes donated by Equine Gatherings. For additional information: contact Lisa Sullivan (248.969.5573)

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

Gymkana: Saturday- November 20th. Contact Lisa Sullivan (248.969.5573).

Thanksgiving Day Hunt: Thursday - Nov. 25th.
New location this year: Walkabout Farm on Delano Rd. Please plan on being there no later than 8:30am with camera and friends! For capping information: Cindy Dillon (586.531.1859).

Hunt Ball: The Hunt Ball is in the planning stages. The date is January 29th and we will be at Devils Ridge Golf Club this year. Marcia Turner (810-796-3359) is heading the planning committee. Please contact her if you would like to help out, or if you have a silent auction item to offer.

