

# Metamora Hunt Newsletter

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### Tip of the Month:

By Joseph Maday, MFH

**Please be quiet while hounds are being cast. We are all there to enjoy the hunting and to watch and listen to the hounds. If others intitate converstaion with you, and some will, just whisper and keep it short, so as not to distract the hounds from hunting. We are a very social group, but chit chat can happen after the hunt. All halloing, calling out to, and attempts to give direction to a hound by members of the Field are not only bad manners, but apt to spoil sport for everyone.**

### Safety First:

By Joseph Kent, MFH

**We all should avoid tying horses to the traffic side of our trailers when parked on the road. It is a great potential hazard to the horse (and passing vehicles) if**

## Hounds & Hunting

We are off to a good start! Our Youth Hunt fielded a large group of young fox hunters, ages 5-16, and some parents. Hounds and Staff worked hard in difficult scenting conditions. A beautiful red fox was viewed by 9 year old Katie Rudisill while "Road Whipping" with her father. Our young foxhunters were all smiles and had great fun! Be sure to visit our website: [www.metamorahunt.com](http://www.metamorahunt.com) for photos of the Youth Hunt.

Huntsman Adrian Smith and Staff have our pack hunting very well. Our hounds are very dedicated to him and are giving consistantly good effort. We have added some young and some experienced hounds to our pack over the past months. The young hounds are in good hands with Adrian and the experienced hounds are setting a good example for them. Joe Kent, MFH tells us "So far, the stars of our pack are the seniors -- most notably Midland Tablet (03) and Midland Igloo (02). These veteran ladies were kindly given to us this summer by Mason Lampton and correctly portrayed by him as competely reliable. Seldom has a day gone by when either or both did not find a fox and give our youngsters the "right" kind of entertainment. Hounds learn by watching and listening to other hounds. Our young entry are getting outstanding educations."

**Opening Day:** The Annual Opening Day of Formal Hunting in our North Country will be Saturday, September 18th. Please make plans to join us for a wonderful day of sport and a good visit with our friends and Members Up North. The Annual Opening day in our Metamora Hunt Country will be Saturday, September 25th. In addition to our Members, all Landowners and other Hunt supporters are most welcome to attend on foot or in the saddle as Cappers. Please be sure that our Honorary Secretary Cindy Dillon ([cindy@dillonreo.com](mailto:cindy@dillonreo.com)) has a current copy of your Liability Release. Opening Day is a very busy meet and we should all do our best to have our "ducks in a row" and to make an early effort at

**horses are tied standing with their backs to cars and trucks that might not always slow down enough. The best plan is always to tack up before loading your horse in the morning, this is apparently counter to Pony Club teachings, but is much safer for all concerned. Run your stirrups up and wind the leathers through them to avoid anything catching while horses are in transit. You will then be able to off load your horse and be mounted with a minimum of time spent on the road.**

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

**I am just delighted to have been invited to offer a few words of wisdom on proper turn out of the Horse and Rider in the Hunt Field. Goodness knows, what is proper has not changed much since my dear Mum first took me hunting on my tiny pony in 1928. I understand that was the year that your Hunt was founded. How wonderfully quaint.**

**Now my dears, to the measure at hand. Your Opening Hunt is soon upon you. Do look your best by braiding your horse and putting your hair up in a proper net. The number of braids is not so important these days. Good grooms are now very hard to find. It will suffice to have your mount sparkling clean and neatly braided. If you are not able to do the braids yourself, as was**

getting permission and paperwork completed for any guests that we might bring.

There will be a Check In station at the Opening Day fixture. All riders will be greeted and checked against a list of Members, and Cappers that have permission and releases made in advance. St. Hubert Medals will also be given at the Check Station.

**Cappers:** We encourage you to participate in Opening Day! Please keep in mind that the Capping fee for Opening Day is \$100 and that prior permission must be arranged with one of our Masters of Fox Hounds (Mr. Joe Kent - 248-628-2065 or Mr. Joe Maday 248-628-7203). It would be best if you could send your check and liability release to our Hon. Secretary Cindy Dillon 586-531-1859 ([cindy@dillonreo.com](mailto:cindy@dillonreo.com)) at least a week in advance. If not, please arrive at the Opening Day Meet early with an envelope in your pocket that contains your check for \$100 made to Metamora Hunt, plus a signed and dated copy of our liability release (available on our website: [www.metamorahunt.com](http://www.metamorahunt.com)) Please print your name on the front of the envelope.

### **Additional News:**

#### **New Members:**

It is our pleasure to welcome several new Members for the 2010 season: Gary Wasserman, Jim Dolson, Tom and Marcia Turner, Jenna Denver, Red Holman, Heather and Aurora Tuzinowski, Sarah Vanden Berghe, Sarah Hill, Greg Kazmierski, and Michelle Mortier. We are also pleased that Doug Fairbanks has applied for membership. We look forward to seeing all of you in the Hunt Field this season!

**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

the case with my dearly departed husband The Major, do find someone to help you.

**On Opening Hunt your tack and boots must be clean and polished. Masters and Estate Owners should notice the brightness of your kit along with your smile as you wish them "Good Morning". We will have time in future columns to discuss the fine points of turn out. For now my dears, put your best foot forward on Opening Hunt.**

season.

**Metamora Days Parade:** Metamora Hunt Members are encouraged to walk with the hounds in the Parade on 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.**

The third annual Stable Tour was a huge success. We had a record turn out of interested Tour followers and we were all treated to a most beautiful and interesting group of stables. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Stable Owners for their efforts and hospitality! Please check our website for photos of the Stable Tour.

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

Metamora Hunt Staff, hounds and Members will walk in the Parade through downtown Metamora. If you cannot walk with us, please be there to smile and wave with us!

#### **Opening Day - September 25th.**

Join us for this annual spectacular! Bring your friends, bring your camera!

#### **Celebration of the Horse - Sept. 25th.**

After seeing off the Field at the Opening Day Meet, join the festivities in Metamora! This is a "Don't Miss" event every year including a Parade, Business Expo, Breed Display, Pancake Breakfast, Wagon Ride, Pony Ride, Horse Rides, Childrens's Activities, and Good Food from the Metamora Hunt Pony Club. For details go to: [www.equinegatherings.com](http://www.equinegatherings.com)

#### **Metamora Hunter Trials - October 10th.**

This show will be held on Sunday, October 10th. at the Hunter Trial field at the corner of Barber and Rock Valley Roads. Debbie Pace is our Organizer this year and the Hunter Trials will be great fun! So, mark your calendars and SAVE THE DATE for the Hunter Trials! Show off your horse's jumping abilities, cheer on your friends and enjoy a hearty tailgate! Contact Debbie Pace: 810-678-8762.

**Hound excercising:** 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

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Opening Days of Formal Hunting:

North Country: Saturday - September 18th

Metamora Hunt Country - Saturday - Sept. 25th.

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