

Metamora Hunt Newsletter

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Hunts go out every Wednesday, and Saturday mid- August to mid-April, weather permitting. Please contact michelle1mortier@gmail.com for a complete list of locations, dates and times.

Always call the Hunt Hotline: 810.678.2711
for weather or information updates on any Hunt related event.

Metamora Hunt Horse Show

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



At the Hunt's Annual meeting this spring, Deborah Bates Pace was elected to the position of Joint Master of Fox Hounds.





We will be hosting our 84th annual Horse Show on June 10-12th at Win a Gin Farm on Delano Rd. The Hunt welcomes our Landowners, Sponsors, Advertisers, Exhibitors, Benefactors, Social Members, and Friends of the Hunt to join our Members for this beautiful and interesting event.

This year's show will include several new classes that will appeal to our Hunt Members and other local riders. Metamora Hunt hounds are to be paraded Saturday evening during the Landowners Picnic by Huntsman Adrian Smith on horseback and in formal hunting attire.

Please direct any questions to Horse Show Chairwomen Marcia Turner 248.515.3229, or Deborah Bates Pace, MFH, 810.678.8762.

Metamora Hunt Trail Rides



Debbie has been active in the Hunt and equine activities in Hunt Country for many years.

Ken Matheis and I, along with the entire Metamora Countryside congratulate her, knowing in her role as Joint Master she will be a valuable addition to the Hunt.

Additional News:

Puppy Walks Start this Month

The Metamora Hunt is seeking Volunteers to help walk puppies. Starting this month, Huntsman Adrian Smith and some fun loving Volunteers will take our fox hound puppies out for a short walk on leads. Puppy Walks will take place at 5pm every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, weather permitting.

All you need to do to participate is to arrive at the Hunt Kennels (5614 Barber Rd.) before 5pm. Do dress in outdoor clothing that can withstand some attention from our friendly pups. **As always, be sure to check the message on the kennel answering machine (810-678-2711) for weather updates and other information.**

For additional information contact Joe Maday, MFH: 810-678-8384.

Hound Walking: including Members is available most non hunting mornings. Huntsman and Staff are on bicycles on some days. Contact one of our MFHs for additional information. Please call the Kennels (810-678-2711) for updates.

Tornado Siren Test

We would like you to be aware that tornado sirens will be tested in the Metamora Countryside on the **first Saturday of each month at 1pm through November**. So, you

The Metamora Hunt will host a series of trail rides starting this month.

These trail rides will be structured to provide training and fitness exercise for experienced as well as beginning fox hunters and their mounts. Participants' horses must be able to walk and trot safely and calmly in a group, outside of a ring. *Safety is always our first concern. An approved riding helmet must be worn while mounted.* The Hunt reserves the right to accept or turn away riders as it sees fit. A Hold Harmless Liability Release must be signed for the Metamora Hunt. Just click: <http://www.metamora-hunt.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/2012Release.pdf>

Depending on footing, we will use the roads, the Hunter Trials Grounds near the kennels, and as footing permits, the trails of the Metamora Countryside. In addition to fitness exercise, we will teach and practice safety skills specific to fox hunting.

Trail Ride dates, times, and locations will be posted to current Metamora Hunt Members by email. Non members may contact Bob Carden (586-907-8594) for information.

Trail Rides are offered at no charge to current Members (Riding Members, Benefactors, Social Members, and Friends of the Hunt for 2016). A \$20 donation to the support of our hounds is accepted from all additional riders.

For additional information contact Bob Carden: rrrcarden@gmail.com or 586.907.8594.

Trail Trimming

might want to keep this in mind as you work with or ride your horses on the first Saturday of each month.

Earth Day



Beautiful weather and a good turn out of volunteers marked a successful and enjoyable Earth Day celebration for the Metamora Hunt!

Volunteers broke into teams to pick up trash and litter on many of the roads in the Metamora Countryside. Our thanks goes out to all who participated and to Ken and Diane Matheis who hosted the event and provided the nice lunch at the Hunt Kennels.

Think Warm Thoughts

The Metamora Hunt organizes a number of Trail Trimming Work Days each summer. We gather our members, and volunteers from the countryside, to trim the trails and remove unwanted downed limbs on properties whose owners have asked our help.

We will begin our trail trimming work days in mid June. Dates will be announced via email. We usually meet on preplanned Saturday mornings at the Hunt Kennels, break into work parties of 3-5 people, and work on specific trails under the direction of the Hunt.

Landowners who would like help from the Metamora Hunt with the equestrian trails on their property should contact our leaders:

Joe Maday, MFH: 810-678-8384
Ken Matheis, MFH: 248-431-4093
Deborah Bates Pace, MFH: 810-678-8762

If you would like to volunteer on Trail Trimming Days, please respond to the contact information that is given in the Trail Trimming announcements.

Pony Club News

By Lisa McCormack

Pony Club started out the month of April by painting standards and poles for Marge and Tom Bird. The Birds provide their beautiful farm free of charge to our clubbers for many of their mounted meetings and testings.

We also participated in the Hunt's Earth Day clean up. Because of a prior club commitment, we picked up trash from our assigned Jonathon Rd



The Metamora Hunt Stable Tour will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2016. Please save the date and make plans to bring friends to our self-guided tour of some of the Metamora Countryside's most beautiful and unique stables.

Tickets will be offered for sale starting in July. For additional information please contact Joe Maday, MFH, 810.678.8384.

Attention Juniors:

The Junior North American Field Hunter Championships will be held in the Mid-West this year, hosted by Iroquois Hunt in Lexington, KY on October 23, at the home of MFHA President Dr. Jack van Nagell, MFH. There will also be three qualifiers, at Camargo (KY), Long Run (KY) and Chagrin Valley (OH). See www.jnafhc.com for details.

Calendar of Events

Hunt Sponsored Events:

Metamora Hunt Horse Show

June 10-12th. at Win-A-Gin Farm
Contact Marcia Turner: 248-515-3229,
and Deborah Bates Pace, MFH: 810-678-8762

Metamora Hunt Landowners Picnic

June 11th. at Win-A-Gin Farm
Contact Helena Baker: 248-628-6531

Metamora Hunt - Trail Rides

Some Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons.

on April 16 rather than the scheduled Earth Day. We had beautiful weather and cleaned up our road from Hosner to Delano.

On the April 23rd, we had our first mounted meeting/testing prep of the year with National examiner Andrea Daguanna at Orchard Hill Farm. Eleven of our club members rode that day, with some focusing on flatwork and others working on jumping skills. Everyone had a great learning experience!

Please Note: Crescent Ridge Farms' new website: Crescentridgefarmsllc@gmail.com

Lots of links:

Here are links to interesting activities and equine services in the Metamora countryside:

Metamora Hunt:
www.metamorahunt.com

Metamora Photo:
www.metamoraphoto.com

Masters of Fox Hounds Assoc:
www.mfha.org

Metamora II Pony Club:
www.glrpc.org

Metamora Chamber of Commerce:
www.metamorachamber.org

Metamora Carriage and Driving Association:
www.metamoracarriagedriving.com

Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center:
www.banburycrosstec.org

Bedrock Stable B&B:

Contact Bob Carden: 586-907-8594

More Metamora Hunt 2016 Events

Trail Trimming Work Days: Select Saturdays in May, June, July, and August. Contact: Joe Maday, MFH: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis MFH:248.431.4093 Deborah Bates Pace: MFH: 810.678.8762.

Metamora Hunt Horse Show: June 10-12th. at Win-A-Gin Farm. Contact: Marcia Turner: 248-515-3229, Deborah Bates Pace, MFH: 810.678.8762.

Metamora Hunt Landowners Picnic: Saturday, June 11th. at the Horse Show. Contact: Helena Baker: 248-628-6531

Metamora Hunt – Summer Hunter Pace: Sunday, July 10th. Contact Bob Carden: 586-907-8594.

Metamora Hunt – Youth Hunt: Monday, August 8th. Contact: Joe Maday, MFH: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis, MFH: 248.431.4093, Deborah Bates Pace, MFH: 810.678.8762.

Metamora Hunt – Hunt Country Stable Tour: Sunday August 14th. Contact: Joe Maday, MFH: 810.678.8384.

Opening Day of Formal Hunting – Metamora: Saturday, September 17th. Contact: Joe Maday, MFH: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis, MFH: 248.431.4093, Deborah Bates Pace, MFH: 810.678.8762.

Metamora Hunt – Hunter Trials: Sunday Oct. 2nd. Contact Deborah Bates Pace, MFH: 810.678.8762.

Metamora Hunt – Fall Hunter Pace: Sunday Oct. 9th. Contact Jon Rubin on FaceBook.

Metamora Hunt - The Fast & Furry 5k Race and 1 Mile Fun Walk: A cross country event for

www.bedrockstablees.com

Cedarwood Farm:
www.cedarwoodfarmmetamora.com

Crooked House B&B

www.crookedhousefarm.com

Crescent Ridge Farms:
Crescentridgefarmsllc@gmail.com

Fair Play Farm:
www.fairplayfarm.com

Hunters Run Farm:
www.huntersrunfarm.com

Matador Farm:
www.matadorfarmllc.com

Win-a-Gin Farm:
www.winaginfarm.com

Red House Farm:

susiestroh@aol.com

Seven Ponds Nature Center:
www.sevenponds.org

The Eventing Assn. of Michigan:
www.eventingmichigan.org

If your organization has events or activities that may be of interest to the equestrian community near Metamora, please submit your information for consideration to:
rrrcarden@gmail.com

leashed canines and their human companions. Sunday Date TBD. Contact Jon Rubin, on FaceBook.

Non - Hunt Sponsored Events:

Hunters Run Farm Cross-Country Schooling Days

May 14-15

June 11-12

June 18-9

Contact Susan Emmons: 810-441-6481

Hunters Run Farm Eventing Derbies

May 22nd.

July 24th.

Contact Susan Emmons: 810-441-6481

The Confident Horse Clinic

With instructor Kim Veenstra, Saturday August 6th.

Help give your horse confidence by use of ground and mounted exercises. Hosted at Flying Goat Farm. Contact Mrs. Chalmers Fitzpatrick: 415.860.8100

If you have equine related events in the Metamora Hunt Countryside that you would like us to consider posting in this Calendar of Events, please email them to:
rrrcarden@gmail.com