## Metamora Hunt Newsletter

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www.metamorahunt.com

### Contact Information:

#### **Honorary Secretary:**

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#### Masters of Fox Hounds

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event.

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.

## Metamora Hunt Website: www.metamorahunt.com

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

## Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH





The new season is underway after a very well attended Youth Hunt on August 7th. and the opening of our informal season on August 16th. from Fair Play Farm.

#### **Ride With Us!**

The Metamora Hunt goes out every Wednesday and Saturday, as well as

some Mondays, from August to January. We hope that you will come on a hunt and experience the timeless beauty of horses and hounds. You will find us to be an interesting and fun loving group!

Riders may participate in our fox hunts by joining the Hunt (and we have a very reasonable Introductory Membership available) or by guest hunting (known as Capping).

To inquire about joining the Metamora Hunt or Capping, please contact our Honorary Secretary Michelle Mortier at 586-914-5802.

Riders interested in Capping may do so only with the express permission of one of our Masters of Foxhounds (please see their information at the top of this column) for each individual Guest hunting day. Guest Riders may only Cap 3 times per season. Guest Riders are asked to put their Capping payment check and signed release into an envelope, with their name written on the outside. This envelope needs to be presented to the Secretary or one of the MFHs before the hunt begins.

We also encourage people to come to our Hunts as non-riding spectators. Every hunt morning is an opportunity to see, and perhaps photograph, our well turned out horses and riders as well as our energetic and friendly hounds.

Horse Country Signs for Sale



Riders, guests, and car followers watched the Metamora Pack hard at work as they crossed our hunt Country.



We would like to remind you that Fixture Cards have been sent by email. If we do not have your current email address, or if you need a hard copy, please contact me at: 810-678-8384.

The Hunt Country Stable Tour was also an enormous success, bringing guests from as far as Ohio and Grand Rapids. I would like to thank all the landowners who opened their farms to visitors as well as the volulnteers who helped guide the visitors.

# Help make our country roads safer with these signs!!



Horse Country Signs for your roadside property, or barn, are once again available from the Metamora Hunt. Signs with a metal pole and attachment hardware, ready for you to install, are \$125.

Please contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384

## **Boarding at the Hunt**

The Metamora Hunt grounds on Barber Rd. is the location of not only the hound kennels, but Horse and Hound Farm, an equine boarding and care facility. Horse and Hound Farm is independently operated by Jill Vogt and has been associated with the Hunt for several years.

Horse and Hound Farm currently has openings available for a limited

#### **Additional News:**

#### Stable Tour



We thank all of you who participated in the Stable Tour on August 13th! Our appreciation to the generous Metamora Countryside landowners who made their beautiful and diverse barns available to our guests on a perfect Sunday knows no bounds. We hope that you enjoyed sharing your barns with us as much as the people who came to marvel in their beauty.



To the volunteers who were at each barn to guide and help our guests, thank you so much!! We hope that you found the history of each barn to be interesting and your conversations with our guests to be engaging.

number of horses for a very reasonable fee. Owners do not need to be members of the Hunt. In addition to over 30 years of equine knowledge, Jill and her staff have much to offer:

- Quality care and close supervision, as Jill lives on grounds.
- Grain and hay included the monthly fee.
- Your choice of Vet and Farrier.
- Horses are turned out on grass each day and brought in each night.
- An outdoor arena and a cross country course are available on property.
- Trainer Sara Smith is available and lives on grounds.
- Miles of trails for riding are available close by.
- Exposure to fox hunting and hounds.
- Perfect for the active sport horse or as a retirement home for an older horse.

For additional information please call Jill Vogt: 248-506-8399.

#### 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



To the many guests who supported the Stable Tour with your attendence, thank you for being part of the magic of the Metamora Countryside for this special day! We hope that you will join us again next August for the 2018 Metamora Hunt Stable Tour.

## **Pony Club News**

By Lisa McCormack

On July 1 the Metamora Hunt II Pony Club had a mounted meeting on a beautiful afternoon at Hunters Run. Holly Zecchin schooled six of our clubbers on x-country jumping and all riders enjoyed her instruction.

July was also the US Pony Club
Championships and educational Festival at the
Kentucky Horse Park from July 17-24. There
were 1,059 Pony Clubbers who were from all
over the United States who competed at this
year's (very hot!) Championships. We had five
girls who qualified and competed at
Championships:

Kaila rode on the Novice Eventing regional team. Her team came in 5th overall, 5th in horse management and Kaila came in 2nd individually.

Kalin rode on the Training Level Dressage regional team. Alison was the stable manager on this team too. Their team came in 10th overall, 2nd in horse management and Kalin

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 Theraputic Equestrian Center:

www.banburycrosstec.org

Bedrock Stable B&B: www.bedrockstablees.com

Cedarwood Farm: www.cedarwoodfarmmetamora.com

Crooked House B&B

www.crookedhousefarm.com

Crescent Ridge Farms:
<a href="mailto:Crescentridgefarmsllc@gmail.com">Crescentridgefarmsllc@gmail.com</a>

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

came in 9th individually for her musical freestyle.

Moriah was on the Senior D Quiz team. Her team came in 5th overall and she placed 5th individually.

Olivia was on the Junior D Quiz team. Her team came in 3rd overall.

Congratulations to all of the girls who competed from our club! We are proud of you and how well you represented our club nationally.

After Championships were completed, the US Pony Club held the educational Festival where we had Moriah, Olivia, Alison, Alexis and Ella participating in the unmounted education. We also had club members Kalin and Amanda ride their horses in the mounted instruction. Everyone learned a ton!

Rounding out our busy July, we have two of our members who we need to congratulate. Kaila was awarded the USPC Jubilee college scholarship which is given out annually to only 2 Pony Clubbers from the entire nation who have been chosen for excellence in academic pursuits and outstanding achievements. Sharlee Lowe continues to climb up the national certification levels by receiving her HA certification this month in Indiana! The HA is the highest nationally rated horse management certification that someone can receive in USPC. Great job girls!!

#### Metamora Hunt Photos

We are most fortunate to have Mr. Peter Gilles photograph many of our hunts and activities. Many of the photos in our monthly newsletters were taken by Peter. To view more of Peter's photos just click

on: http://www.metamoraphoto.com/gallery/ind
ex.php?cat=13

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

## Calendar of Events

#### **Hunt Sponsored Events:**

#### **Metamora Hunt - Opening Day of Formal Hunting**

Saturday, September 16, 2017 Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

#### **Metamora Hunt - Hunter Trials**

Sunday, October 1, 2017 Contact Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

#### **Metamora Hunt - Fall Hunter Pace**

Sunday, October 8, 2017 Contact Bob Carden: 586.907.8594

#### **Non - Hunt Sponsored Events:**

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