

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.

Metamora Hunt Website:

www.metamorahunt.com

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

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



One of the activities coming up this fall is the "Michigan Foxhunters' Weekend." This is a tradition among the Battle Creek, Waterloo, and Metamora Hunts. Once each season we meet at one of the three Michigan hunts to socialize and hunt together. This year we gather at Waterloo on the weekend of October 14 and 15.

Members of the hunts are invited to enjoy the activities and even if you're unable to ride that weekend you can still join in and experience the traditions and hunting at another Michigan hunt. Try to join us.

Metamora Hunt Opening Day

Saturday - September 16th

Additional News:

Hunter Trials - October 1st



Please save the date and join us for for this annual spectacular! Opening Day of formal fox hunting for the Metamora Hunt is Saturday, Sept. 16th. In addition to our Members, all Landowners and other Hunt Supporters are most welcome to attend on foot. The Opening Day Meet will be held at the Reynolds' family polo field on Rock Valley Rd. just west of Delano Rd. The crowd will begin to gather just after 9am. Please find your way to the center of the field. Be sure to bring your friends, but not your pets, and do bring your camera!

Please keep in mind that you may have to park some distance from the gathering and will need to walk to the site. Please drive slowly as you will encounter horses and pedestrians on the roads. Be sure to only park on only one side of any road and be respectful of any "no parking" signs.



Please join us for a Memorable Day!

The Metamora Hunt Hunter Trials will be held on Sunday, October 1st at our new location: **Hunters Run Farm on Casey Rd.** We are pleased to announce that MFH Deborah Bates Pace will once again be the Show Organizer and we hope that you will mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for a wonderful day on a new course at beautiful Hunters Run Farm.



The Hunter Trials provide an opportunity for riders to show in several different classes. Entries are encouraged from both Members and non members of the Hunt. Riders enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, the variety of classes (flat, singles, pairs, follow the hounds, hunt teams, and lead line), and the opportunity to compete for ribbons and many lovely trophies.



Riders who are not current 2017-2018 Riding Members are welcome to Cap, with permission from one of our MFH's. Please contact our Honorary Secretary Michelle Mortier for additional information: michelle1mortier@gmail.com or 586-914-5802.

There will be a Check-In Station at the Opening Day Meet. All riders will be greeted by Metamora Hunt Volunteers and names will be checked against a list of Riding Members, and Cappers that have permission and liability releases made in advance. St. Hubert Medals will also be given at the Check-In Station.



Cappers: We encourage guest riders (Cappers) to attend our Opening Day Meet! Please keep in mind that the Capping fee for Opening Day is \$100 for adults, \$25 for juniors (age 21 and



Spectators attend the Hunter Trials not only for the beauty of the horses and capability of the riders, but for the fun of the Tail Gate Competition. Landowners, Friends of the Hunt, and other equestrian enthusiasts from the Metamora Countryside join us each year to visit with their friends and take part in this special day. Please be sure to bring your camera!



Riders and mounts compete over an outside course which includes permanent fences similar to those found in the hunt field: coops, aikens, stone walls, water, line fences, and so on. The Follow the Hounds class simulates the activity and tradition of the Hunt, while the teams and pairs classes demonstrate how well horses go in company.

under), and that prior permission must be made in advance with one of our Masters of Fox Hounds: Mr. Joe Maday-810-678-8384, Mr. Ken Matheis-248-431-4093, or Mrs. Deborah Bates Pace-810-678-8762. Our liability release is available on the Hunt website: www.metamora-hunt.com



Opening Day is just around the corner. So, if you are interested in Capping, please pick up the phone and call one of our MFHs now. You will find them kind and welcoming, especially because you are calling early. Download, print and sign (junior riders must have their liability releases signed by a parent) the Hunt's liability release.

On Opening Day Cappers should have themselves dressed in dark coats and tan breeches. Helmets are mandatory. All horses should be braided! All riders should arrive at the Opening Day meet early. Plan on getting there no later than 9:15am. Cappers should have an envelope in their pockets that contains their Capping check (made out to Metamora Hunt) and signed liability release, with their name printed on the outside. Give your envelope to the Hunt Volunteer at the Check In Station. Please come and join us, this is an experience you will remember for a very long time!

Hunter Trials Entry

Forms here: <http://www.metamora-hunt.com/forms/>

Questions to:
Mrs. Deborah Bates Pace, MFH: 810.678.8762

Save the Date! Fall Hunter Pace - October 8th Starting at 9am

TOAST & RIDE THE FALL METAMORA HUNTER PACE
SUNDAY OCTOBER 8

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, YOUR CHANCE TO RIDE THROUGH PRIVATE LAND IN METAMORA HUNT COUNTRY. ONE DAY ONLY!

6-9 MILES, A COMBINATION OF GORGEOUS TRAILS, PASTORAL FIELDS AND QUIET BERTHOODS.

RIDE ENGLISH OR WESTERN IN GROUPS OF 2-8. HELMETS ARE REQUIRED, JUMPING IS NOT. WE CAN GET YOU IN A TEAM IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE.

STRIP-CLIP REFRESHMENT STOPS ALONG THE WAY.

RIDE POST TIME: START 9-9:55AM
RIDE OPTIMAL TIME: START 9:15AM-NOON
OF 15 A CEREAL PACE SIMULATING A HUNT MEET.

RIBBONS SENT TO TOP SIX TEAMS. (THE CE TIME IS UNCOMMON TO ALL RIDERS SO JUST HAVE FUN!)

NEW LOCATION FOR THIS RIDE: SEPT. HIGHLIGHT Road, Oxford, MI 48375, Flying D Farm.

\$35 PER RIDER, \$25 PER JUNIOR (17 & UNDER). CASH OR CHECKS TO: METAMORA HUNT

HOLD HARNESS RELEASE FORM, ENTRY FORM & MAP TO PRINT AT: www.Metamora-hunt.com (ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE HUNTER PACE)

SEE METAMORA HUNT FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ALL UPDATES PLUS, AFTER TO POST PICTURES AND SEE THE RESULTS.

CONTACT DENNE KANGAS @ 248 642 3094 OR myflyingd@windignail.com FOR QUESTIONS and if you would like to volunteer instead of ride!

*All photos shown are from the 2017 Summer Metamora Hunter Pace. Photographer: Hardy Kofas.

Gather your friends! Ride English or Western. Come ride with us at your own pace. Whether walking, trotting, or competing for a fastest time ribbon, you will enjoy the beauty of the Metamora Hunt Country on a clearly marked trail. Snacks and beverages are provided to riders on the Pace course. Adults

Congratulations to Diane Matheis



Diane Matheis was awarded her Colors by the Masters of Foxhounds of the Metamora Hunt at a recent hunt meet. The award of Colors is the greatest honor that any member of a fox hunt can receive and Diane is a most worthy recipient.

As a riding member of the Metamora Hunt since 2011, Diane has always been a safe and elegant rider in the hunt field. She has always presented herself appropriately attired while fox hunting and always on a well groomed horse with spotlessly clean tack.

Diane has supported the Hunt with years of dedication and volunteer work. She has been our chairperson of trophies and awards for several years and has volunteered for many of the Hunt's events each year.

Congratulations Diane, you are a true ambassador of the Metamora Hunt and we are proud to call you our own!

Ride With Us!

and junior riders are welcome! No jumping required. **Helmets must be worn by all riders.**

We have a new location for the Fall Hunter Pace: 5895 Hempstead Rd, Oxford, MI 48371. Flying D Farm.

Riders will be started after registration in teams of 2-4. If you do not have a team, we will be happy to make one for you. Ribbons will be awarded to 1st. through 6th. place teams in both the Fastest time and the Optimum time divisions.

The cost to ride in the Hunter Pace is \$35 per adult, \$25 per junior (17 and under). **An approved helmet, with chin strap fastened, must be worn at all times while mounted.**

Entry Forms and Hold Harmless releases are available on the Hunt website: www.metamorahunt.com

For additional information contact:

Diane Kangas:248-842-3094
myflyingdfarm@gmail.com

Pony Club News

By Lisa McCormack

On August 5, our club meeting was at the Hunt kennels where our members took part in the Metamora Hunt foxhunting clinic. The clinic included education in all facets of the hunt and also a tour of the kennel. It covered most of the criteria for the U.S. Pony Club foxhunting certificate and pin. Thank you to Gay Kent and members of the Hunt for facilitating the foxhunting clinic for our club members!

On August 19, we held our last club testing of the year at the meticulous Orchard Hill Farm. The examiner was Andrea Daguanno. Congratulations to Alison, Moriah,

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 Cap up to 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

Lauren, Ella and Olivia on their new certifications!

Sharlee passed her "A" national level certification at South Farm in Ohio in August. This is the highest riding level in Pony Club and it is quite a rare accomplishment to obtain it—congratulations Sharlee!!

Our last activity for August was a club meeting at Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center. Dr Margaret Schreiner from South Sanilac Veterinary Hospital gave an informative presentation on equine chiropractic treatment and saddle fit. A Banbury Cross horse named Sassy enjoyed being Dr Margaret's assistant.

[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/index.php?cat=13>

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

**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**

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