

Metamora Hunt Newsletter

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Hunts go out every Wednesday, and Saturday mid- August to mid-April, weather permitting. Please contact

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Metamora Hunt Website:

www.metamorahunt.com

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

Save the Date!
Metamora Hunt Ball - February
24, 2018

New Location: The Buhl Estate at Addison
Oaks

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



The Hunt enjoyed many exciting days following the Metamora Hounds this fall. We invite you to join with us in a variety of Hunt activities in the coming year as we celebrate our 90th season here in Metamora.

All of those connected with the Hunt would like to again thank the many Metamora Hunt Country landowners who granted us permission to ride across their property and to wish them a joyous holiday season.

Additional News:

Why we Hunt

By Bob Carden

I have been asked several times over 12 seasons how a seemingly sensible person like myself can be so fully engaged in an extreme sport like fox



hunting. It is a valid question, so I thought our readers might enjoy a some insight from those of us who take so much joy in riding out to hounds. My story will be followed in later months from by those of other members of the Metamora Hunt.

Each rider has their own reasons to fox hunt as hunting offers a wide variety of interests and benefits. There is an old saying that most fox hunters either hunt to ride, or ride to hunt. Let us see if we can elaborate on that.

Please Save the Date! This year the Annual Metamora Hunt Ball will be at a new location! We will be hosting our annual evening of fun at The Buhl Estate at Addison Oaks on February 24th. Please put the date on your calendar now, and plan on bringing some friends.

Don't miss this wonderful evening, complete with dinner, dancing to a fabulous live band, and an open bar. Part of the fun each year is a fox hunting horn blowing contest after dinner, so please plan on joining in!



I will tell you first off that I do enjoy the social aspects of hunting. I have the pleasure of having my wife Michelle join me on each hunt day and the Metamora Hunt is a very large part of our social life. Fox hunters and the countryside landowners are interesting and active people, and as you can see in the photo, the cookies and treats on hunt mornings are a bonus. We have fun!



Additional information is available from our Hunt Ball Chairperson: Marcia Turner: mbkennels@aol.com or: 248-515-3229

Congratulations to Mary Jo Halcin



Mary Jo Halcin 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 Mary Jo is a most worthy recipient.

As a riding member of the Metamora Hunt for some years, Mary Jo has always been a fearless and safe 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.

Mary Jo has supported the Hunt with years of dedication. She has participated in many of our events and won ribbons in several classes in our Hunter Trials this year. Mary Jo has also volunteered for many of the Hunt's events each year and we appreciate her enthusiasm and energy.

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



As a 68 year old healthy male, I am dedicated to staying active. The physical and mental activity that comes with hunting is an important part of my continued well being. The horse care and riding required is enjoyable for me. The relationship with my hunt horses is a great pleasure and that partnership peaks while out fox hunting.

My main reason for fox hunting is my interest in hounds and the chase. I do ride to hunt. I had enjoyed a lifetime of hunting upland birds and waterfowl with dogs, and big game hunting before learning to ride at age 50. I no longer hunt with a gun. Following the Metamora hounds on the scent of a coyote is thrilling and enjoyable for me as the coyote has so many ways to to fool us and make his get-a-way.



Horse Country Signs for Sale

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:
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In fox hunting I have found a wonderful balance of watching hounds and observing nature on hunt days. I never have a boring day while out with our hounds as there is so much to see. The hounds are a marvel to watch as they work as a team to find and follow the scent of a fox, or most likely these days the scent of a coyote. I am facinated by what we find in the woods and fields. There are wild animals of sorts for us to view and value. I find pleasure in recognizing their tracks, trails, and habitat.

What has maintained my facination with fox hunting is that on each day out with horses and hounds I am out in the natural world and there is always so much to see and hear.

Pony Club News

By Lisa McCormack

The fall Great Lakes Pony Club Regional meeting was held in our area at Turrill Elementary in Lapeer the first Sunday in November. Our club was in charge of setting up, cleaning up, and providing breakfast & lunch for the approximately 70 people who attended from lower MI, northern OH and northern IN. The Great Lakes Executive board was voted in for 2018 and Metamora Hunt II Pony Club's Linda Short Lowe will continue as the Regional Supervisor. I will be stepping into the Regional Testing Coordinator position.

Our club meeting for this month focused on community service. Members of our club cleaned and oiled Banbury Cross lesson horse bridles while the sponsors focused on gymkhana planning.

Unfortunately, the afternoon before our event, with a forecast of nonstop rain, the decision was made to cancel gymkhana this year. We want to thank Virginia Janiszewski for once again generously providing Crescent Ridge

Farm for this event and we look forward to holding it next year.

Lastly, congratulations to Moriah for passing her C1 horse management certification this month!

Calendar of Events

Hunt Sponsored Events:

Metamora Hunt Ball

Saturday, February 24, 2018

New Location: The Buhl Estate at Addison Oaks

Contact Marcia Turner: 248-515-3229

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:

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