Metamora Hunt Newsletter

July 2019

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

Save the Date! Summer Hunter Pace - July 27th

Starting at 8am

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

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



The hunt season will begin with the Youth Hunt on August 5th, but other events have kept us busy around the countryside. Hunt members and guests have been "Roading" Hounds on Saturdays, Landowners and Hunt Members have been hard at work trimming trails not only for the season, but also for the Hunter Pace on July 27.

Marsha Freed and her team are planning this year's Landowners' Picnic on Saturday, July 13th. An early reminder, please join neighbors, friends, and guests for the Hunt Country Stable Tour on Sunday, August 11.

We again want to thank the landowners who continue to allow us to cross their property during the season.

All riders should remember that the land in hunt country is privately owned and as a courtesy to landowners please make sure you have permission to ride out on non-hunt days.

Additional News:

<u>Metamora Hunt 12th Annual</u>
<u>Hunt Country Stable Tour</u>



For entry forms, liability release, maps, and additional information contact:

www.metamorahunt.com



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.

Sunday, August 11, 2019 Noon - 4:00 pm



Six showcased stables. Self-guided format. Metamora Hunt volunteers will be on site to direct you. All showcased stables are within a short drive of the Metamora Hunt kennels at 5614 Barber Road, Metamora, MI 48455.

The Stable Tour makes a perfect activity when entertaining weekend guests or attending a nearby horse show! The Tour includes six stables that display a variety of styles and equine disciplines. If you have friends or family that may be interested in the Stable Tour, please forward this to them.



Tickets for adults are \$25 and will be available the day of Tour beginning at 11:00 am at the Metamora Hunt Kennels on Barber



The cost to ride in the Hunter Pace is \$45 per adult, \$35 per junior (17 and under). Cash or checks made to Metamora Hunt are acceptable payment. An approved helmet, with chin strap fastened, must be worn at all times while mounted.



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Contact: Bob Carden rrrcarden@gmail.com
c) 586-907-8594

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Road. You may also buy tickets in advance by calling Mr. Joe Maday at 586-381-8834. Pay by cash or check payable to Metamora Hunt. Admission is \$5 for children under 12. Children must be accompanied by an adult ticket holder.



All proceeds go toward the maintenance and preservation of bridle paths throughout the 100 sq. mile area comprising the "Metamora Hunt Country." Directions, map, and a detailed description of showcased stables to be provided on the day of the Tour upon ticket pick up or purchase at the Hunt Kennels.

For additional information call: 586-381-8834.

Roading Hounds Saturday-9am

We will road hounds from the Hunt kennels most Saturday mornings this month, starting promptly at 9am. Roading of hounds provides exercise for our hounds and of course our members and their horses. Be sure to call the Hunt Hotline: 810-678-2711 for weather information and possible schedule changes for any Hunt related event.

Roading of hounds is available to current (2019-2020 season) Riding Members. Guest riders must contact one of our Masters (please see the contact information block in the left hand column) for permission and additional details. Please try to join us!

tested in the Metamora Countryside on the *first Saturday of* each month at 1pm through November. So, you might want to keep this in mind as you work with or ride your horses on the first Saturday of each month.

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

Cottage for Rent



Long time Metamora Hunt supporters Mark and Anne Hendirx are offering the "Jessie Reynolds Cottage" on Delano Road for rent. This quaint home has three bedrooms, a washer and dryer and is the heart of Metamora Hunt Country, less than a mile from the Hunt Kennels.

Monthly rent is \$750 and includes electric and heat. They offer an option to rent the horse barn and pasture.

Please contact Mark or Anne with any questions or requests for additional information:

mahendrix@sbcglobal.net 269-930-6770.

Lots of links:

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

Metamora Hunt: www.metamorahunt.com

Metamora Photo:

Trail Trimming Saturday-11am

Trail Trimming will take place most Saturday mornings this month <u>at 11:00am</u>. We will meet at 10:45am at the <u>Hunt Kennels</u> on Barber Rd. Please join us for a couple of hours of rewarding effort.

You should bring gloves, bug spray, something to drink, plus loppers, or a chainsaw if you can. We will break up into groups of 3-5 people, directed by a Hunt member, as we work on projects requested by our valued landowners.

We are planning on trimming trails each Saturday morning in July, starting at 11am and each Thursday afternoon at 5pm weather permitting.

Always check the recorded message at the Hunt Kennels (810-678-2711) for event related updates.

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 Debbie Pace, MFH: 586-713-1640

Pony Club News

By Lisa Rossman

Friends of Pony Club of Pony Club July 2019:

We can't believe it, but the Dressage and Show Jumping Rallies have come and gone! Dressage Rally was held June 22nd and Show Jumping Rally was held June 23rd at Albion College. MHIIPC sent two teams plus a stable manager to each rally and an additional two girls scrambled at Dressage Rally.

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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.org

Banbury Cross Theraputic Equestrian Center: www.banburycrosstec.org

Bedrock Stable B&B: www.bedrockstablees.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



Our teams had a great time and did extremely well. Pony Club awards ribbons for riding and horse management. It's not like at a horse show where the only thing that counts is in the ring.

At Dressage Rally, one team took first in horse management and second in riding and the other team took second in horse management and first in riding. At Show Jumping Rally, the scores were not figured out correctly so we don't know how well the teams did for sure, but Madison K received a special award for her high equitation score. Olivia G received 9 Exceeds Standards at her Turn Out Inspection! Truly spectacular! Horse Management was so competitive that only 9 HM points separated first from last. One of the teams was awarded 7th in Horse Management and the other team got 1st. What an amazing weekend!!! Marge Bird and Sharlee Lowe assisted our clubbers at the events with great coaching. We couldn't be more proud!

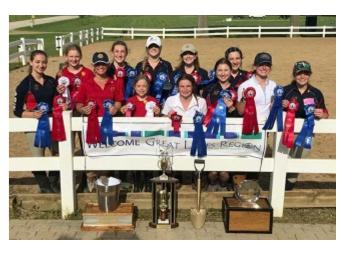


Because the clubbers didn't really have time to process all that

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

happened during the two rallies, (their day started at 5am and was nonstop until about 10pm), Kris M. hosted a get together on 6/20 for the kids to reminisce and just have fun together. Kailin M and Ella S handed out decorated paper plate awards to all the clubbers who rallied. They were well thought out and well appreciated. The girls shared memories, laughter, and happy tears as the plates were handed out. Everyone agreed it was loads of fun and something we should try to do more often.



For those of you on Facebook, here is a slideshow of the weekend: https://www.facebook.com/mary.orlando.16/videos/10215426354232814/

Thank you for all your support!

Calendar of Events

Hunt Sponsored Events:

Metamora Hunt - Roading Hounds

Saturday 9am in , June and July Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384

Metamora Hunt - Trail Trimming Days

Select dates in April, May, June, July Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Landowners Picnic

by invitation: Saturday, July 13, 2019 Contact Marsha Freed: 248.214.7003

Metamora Hunt - Summer Hunter Pace

Saturday, July 27, 2019 Contact Bob Carden: 586.907.8594

Metamora Hunt - Youth Hunt

Monday, August 5, 2019 Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Stable Tour

August 11, 2019 Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384

Metamora Hunt - Opening Day of Formal Hunting

Saturday, September 21, 2019 Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Hunter Trials

Sunday, September 29, 2019 Contact Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Fall Hunter Pace

Sunday, October 6, 2019 Contact Amanda Shelton: 615.440.9238

Michigan Fox Hunters Weekend - at Battle Creek

October 26,27, 2019

Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

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