Metamora Hunt Newsletter

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Hunts go out every Wednesday, and Saturday mid- August to mid-January weather permitting. Please contact <u>michelle1mortier@gmail.com</u> 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.

Our Amazing Members and Supporters

The Metamora Hunt continues to exist due to the support of our Members, Landowners, and Supporters. We need your help. Like every enterprise, the Hunt is challenged during this time of national crisis. By becoming a Member, or by placing an ad in our Metamora Hunt Country Magazine, you are helping us to continue as a

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



With the ongoing health crisis, we have had to cancel or postpone some of our events. However, your support is still very important to us. If you would like to help celebrate our ninety second season, please consider placing an ad in our annual hunt publication this year.



You can call Peter Gilles at 586.381.4794 or email him at <u>metatmoraphoto1@aol.com</u> if you have

fixture in the Metamora countryside. Thank you for your support!

We are hopeful that the current health crisis will pass soon. The Hunt's schedule of events may be adjusted according to safety guidelines.



Our Earth Day clean up of the countryside roads is still scheduled for April 18th. We can't get together this year but we would still like for all of you to get some fresh air and clean up the planet. We ask that you place the collected trash at your curb, on your regular trash day. If you have larger items please contact Ken Matheis at: 248-431-4093 to arrange for pick up.

PLEASE CALL/TEXT KEN WITH THE ROAD YOU WOULD LIKE TO COVER OR TO BE ASSIGNED A ROAD.

RAIN CHECK ON LUNCH!

questions. He can help you create a special unique ad for your business, farm, or personal best wishes.

Additional News:

Metamora Hunt Subscriptions

Become a Benefactor - Social Member -Friend of the Hunt:

The Hunt hosts activities throughout the year that provide opportunities for participation in the social aspects of our Club and our sport. Those interested in becoming Non Riding Members may join for a very reasonable fee. Membership applications are available on the Metamora Hunt website: <u>www.metamorahunt.com</u>

<u>Please note</u>: Most of our Riding Memberships, as well as Social Memberships and Benefactors of the Hunt,now include <u>specific dining privileges</u>^{*} at the Hunters Creek Club. Please be sure to renew your Metamora Hunt Membership right away so that you can make a reservation for the Hunters Creek: Father's Day Dinner, or their Lobster Bake!

<u>*For additional information</u> and membership application, please contact our Hon. Secretary Michelle Mortier: 586-914-5802 : michelle1mortier@gmail.com

> Tip of the Month by Bob Carden



Our fox hounds continue to be well cared for. Their schedule of feeding, outdoor time spent in their spacious runs, and daily care by our Huntsman Adrian Smith has not changed. The pack is walked out to the Hunter Trial Fields each morning by Adrian and Staff. They observe social distancing while giving the hounds time to explore and exercise. A pack of fox hounds, like our dogs at home, thrive on a regular schedule of daily events and loving attention.

At this time we are hopeful that we will be able to host our summertime events:



The Summer Hunter Pace is planned for Saturday, July 11th.



With the weather improving (soon we hope) we all are ready to be out riding on the roads and trails of the Metamora Countryside, as health and safety guidelines allow. Please remember that you need to renew your relationship with each Landowner that allows you to ride on their land this year. You should contact them now and ask for the privilege of crossing their land as you trail ride or exercise your horse. Do not make the mistake of assuming that Landowners who allow the Hunt to cross their land welcome all riders the rest of the year.

On each ride you must be aware of the turf conditions. If you have any doubt about the ground being too soft to be on trails or to cross land, keep to the roads only. A rider that leaves damaged turf or deep hoof prints invites having that land closed off to all horses.

Please remember to be courteous and friendly to the public as you ride out. A smile, wave of the hand, or tipping of one's cap does wonders for the good of our sport. Public relations are every Hunt Member's responsibility.



The Landowners Picnic is planned for Saturday, July 25th.

Updates on these events will follow as conditions improve.

Lots of links:

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

> Metamora Hunt: <u>www.metamorahunt.com</u>

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.org

Banbury Cross Theraputic Equestrian Center: www.banburycrosstec.org

> Bedrock Stable B&B: www.bedrockstablees.com

Pony Club News

Friends of Pony Club of Pony Club March 2020

March has been unseasonably quiet for our Clubbers and families. As we adjust to the current normal and do our best to stay healthy, our ponies still need our care and love. For those lucky enough to have their horses at home, this has been easy. For those boarding their horses, that care is managed by the barn owners. It's very hard not to continue familiar barn rituals. We know many are missing the smell and feel of your horse's neck as you lean against it and inhale, or the soft muzzle wiggling against the palm to lift a treat. Soon, we'll be back to the grind worrying about mud, the heat and bugs! For now, we must do our best to feel grateful. What a privileged bunch we are to enjoy this horse life!



Chelsea M and Olivia R, who have their horses at home are fortunate to be able to continue with their horse activities. Chelsea has been able to trail ride her OTTB, Riot, at the E Cummings complex in Genesee. Olivia R has enjoyed hanging out with the boys at home whenever she wants. Here are Leo and Fable napping.

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: <u>rrrcarden@gmail.com</u>



Five Clubbers attended the Quiz Rally held in Angola, IN on March 8 with great success. The D Team consisting of Myra Kent, Ellie and Mikaela Johnson and Madison Karakashian placed First in their division. Ellie placed 2nd overall while her



Sister Mikaela 4th overall!

The C/HB team included two girls from the Great lakes region Kat Hogan and Ella Kunitzer along with Moriah Orlando.Their team placed third in their division and Moriah Orlando placed 2nd overall! Outstanding job!!!

The regional spring meeting was held the day after the rally. The calendar, finances and other particulars for the upcoming year were discussed. This meeting kicks off the busy season for Pony Club.



Everyone is looking forward to the Championships and Festival held in July at the Kentucky Horsepark. Festival, a triennial event, immediately follows Champs. Festival draws Clubbers to Kentucky from across the nation. Most of us excitedly made reservations at the Ky Horsepark Campground last fall. We continue to look forward to it and hope it will be held as planned.

For now we hope to have our Pony Club meeting via Facebook live. And we continue to plan for our Spring Rating to be held May 30th!

Wishing our Families & Friends Health & Safety!!

Mary Orlando DC

Lisa Rossman Secretary <u>metamorahuntllponyclub@gmail.com</u> For further information. Ride Safe!

Calendar of Events

Hunt Sponsored Events:

<u>Metamora Hunt - Earth Day Clean Up</u> Saturday, April 18th. Contact Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093

Metamora Hunt - Trail Rides

Saturday am or Sunday pm in May, June, July Contact Bob Carden: 586.907.8594

Metamora Hunt - Trail Trimming Days

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

<u>Metamora Hunt - Summer Hunter Pace</u> Saturday, July 11th.

Contact Bob Carden: 586.907.8594

Metamora Hunt - Landowners Picnic

by invitation: Saturday, July 25th. Contact Marsha Freed: 248.214.7003

Metamora Hunt -Youth Hunt

Monday, August 3rd. Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Stable Tour Sunday, August 9th.

Contact Joe Maday:586.381.8834

Metamora Hunt - Opening Day of Formal Hunting

Saturday, September 19th. Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Hunter Trials

Sunday, August 30th. Contact Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Fall Hunter Pace

Sunday, September 27th. Contact Amanda Shelton: 615.440.9238

Michigan Fox Hunters Weekend - at Battle Creek

At the Waterloo Hunt October 23,24th. 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: <u>rrrcarden@gmail.com</u>