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

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



The Autumn hunting season has provided both riding members and car followers a chance to experience the thrill of the chase, listening to our pack running in full cry and seeing them in pursuit of the coyotes and other game, that roam our countryside.

We are very fortunate to have so many landowners that allow us to cross their lands so that we can continue the mounted hunting tradition here in Metamora. Landowners give the Hunt access to their property on hunt Always call the Hunt Hotline: 810.678.2711 for weather or information updates on any Hunt related event.

Save the Date! Fall Hunter Pace - September 26th Starting at 9am

<u>Gather your friends!</u> 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 this opportunity to ride through the beautiful PRIVATE trails of Metamora Hunt Country. 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. days. This does not give other riders the okay to ride the trails without the owner's permission; so please be considerate and ask if you are welcome.

Quite a few years ago I was given this helpful advice: If you don't know where you are you shouldn't be there. If we all follow that advice it will help insure the hospitality of our valued neighbors.

Additional News:

Save the Date!

Metamora Hunt Ball - November 6th.



REGISTRATION: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, <u>Advanced</u> registration by mail is encouraged: c/o Amanda Shelton 2775 E. Oakwood Rd. Oxford, MI 48370

Entry forms and liability releases are available on the Metamora Hunt website: <u>www.metamorahunt.com</u>

Riders will be started after registration in teams of 2-4. If you do not have a team, we will be happy to help you find one to join. 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 \$45 per adult, \$35 per junior (17 and under). An approved helmet, with chin strap fastened, must be worn at all times while mounted.

For additional information contact:



Please Save the Date! This year we will be hosting our annual evening of fun at the Devils Ridge Golf Club on November 6th. Please put the date on your calendar now and plan on bringing some friends. Amanda Shelton: aashelton99@gmail.com 1-615-440-9238

Metamora Hunt Stable Tour

Our thanks to the generous Landowners who made their stables and barns available to the Tour this year! And to organizer Joe Maday and a large team of volunteers that made all of this fun possible. We were blessed with perfect weather for the event and a good turn out on this special day.

We thought that you would enjoy some photos from Peter Gilles and Nathan Jerome:



Don't miss this wonderful evening, complete with dinner, dancing to a fabulous 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!





Each year, the Silent Auction at the Hunt Ball proves to be an exciting part of the evening. This year's auction will include items donated by our Members, Guests and Hunt Supporters, including activities such as golf at private clubs, clays shooting (with lesson if desired) dinners, riding lessons, and more! Donated items include jewelry, art, gift certificates, photography, and gift baskets. The proceeds from the Auction help to support the Hunt and the Metamora Countryside. Contact Michelle Mortier: 586.914.5802.

Additional information is available from our Hunt Ball Chairperson Marcia Turner: <u>mbkennels@aol.com</u> or: 248-515-3229 cell, 810-245-0810 home

Metamora Hunt Trail Trimming





The Metamora Hunt gathers groups of our Members and Supporters most Saturday mornings to maintain the private equestrian trails in the Metamora Countryside. We trim brush and remove fallen trees from the trails with the Landowner's permission.

This is usually just a couple of hours of fun effort for a great cause. If you are interested in joining us for trail trimming please contact one of our leaders. Their contact information is at the top of the left hand column of this newsletter.



Pony Club News

Friends of the Pony Club: August 2021

This past weekend Metamora Hunt II Pony Club put on its first USEA event at Hunters Run Farm! It took several months of planning and many hours of work!! We could not have done it without so many great Volunteers! These volunteers included families, friends, and people from our horse community.



We send a huge thank you to Dave Emmons for the use of his wonderful facility, and to Sue Aeck for being the best



Secretary on the planet and for having the patience of a saint!



Thank you to our Technical Delegate Debbie Boeh, who taught us many things, and to Heather Lawson for your wonderful course design and use of some jumps!! Also to everyone in the horse community that pitched in and helped make this possible: Dr. Evan Moore and Staff, and farrier Scott Dolson. Thank you all for always being willing to step in and help when needed! We had so many fabulous sponsors including Everything Equine, Covered Wagon



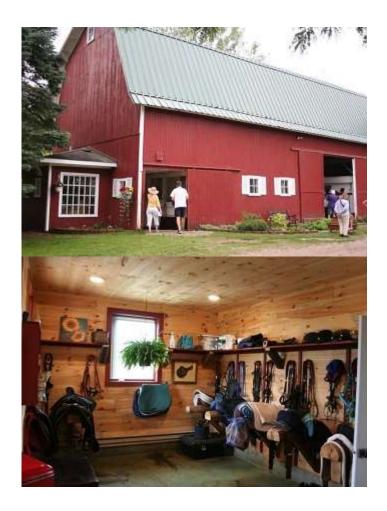
and Land Rover of Lakeside!!



I am very thankful for the group of Pony Club Moms & Dads that we have. Without their love and support we could not have the wonderful club that we do. We will soon be welcoming a new family to our club, Mike and Ursula Calin their daughters Isabelle and Sydney. We are looking forward to them joining us!

This summer has been very busy , and our riding season flies by! We are looking forward to Metamora Days & Hunting Season!

Until next time...



Ride Safe!

Mary Orlando DC

Amanda Shelton Secretary

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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: 810.678.8384.

Metamora Hunt Photos

Calendar of Events

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: <u>http://www.metamoraphoto.com/gallery/index.php?cat=1</u> 3

Hunt Sponsored Events:

Metamora Hunt - Opening Day of Formal Hunting

Saturday, September 18th. Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Fall Hunter Pace

Sunday, September 26th. Contact Amanda Shelton: 615.440.9238

Michigan Fox Hunters Weekend

At the Metamora Hunt September 10,11th Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Hunt Ball

Saturday, November 6th At Devils Ridge Golf Club Contact: Marcia Turner: 248.515.3229

Lots of links:

Metamora Hunt: www.metamorahunt.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 Therapeutic Equestrian Center: www.banburycrosstec.org

> Seven Ponds Nature Center: www.sevenponds.org

The Eventing Assn. of Michigan: www.eventingmichigan.org