

Metamora Hunt Newsletter

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Hunts go out every Wednesday,
and Saturday mid- August to mid-
January weather permitting.
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and times.

Metamora Hunt Website:

www.metamorahunt.com

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



The Oxford and Metamora communities have many deep ties and those of us in the Hunt offer our deepest sympathies to all who suffered so much with the recent tragedy at Oxford High School.

We join with all our friends and neighbors in attempting to heal in the coming days.

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

The Hunt Ball was a Blast

We hope that you were able to attend the Hunt Ball on November 6th! As you can see from these photos, we enjoyed a wonderful party with great food and a fabulous band that kept the dance floor filled.

A special thank you to Marcia Turner who did a masterful job of organizing the Ball again this year, and to Michelle Mortier and Anne LaBrecque who Co-Chaired a very successful Silent Auction!

Our heartfelt thanks to all of the Dancers, Diners, Volunteers, and Donors who made it a very special evening,

Metamora Wassailing Celebration

Christmas cheer was spread and spirits were lifted on December 6th. as hundreds of spectators filled the village streets to view the Wassailing Parade. Marchers with their horses and carriages were decked out festive costumes and decorations. Here are some photos from Mr. Peter Gilles and Mr. Nathan Jerome for you to enjoy:













Pony Club News

Friends of the Pony Club: December 2021

Hello Everyone

2021 has flown by and the Metamora Hunt Pony Club II is looking forward to our year end Party on December 17th.

As we usher out the old year we are ushering in new officers for the upcoming year, putting together our calendar for 2022, and the year in scope looks pretty amazing!! There will be several of us attending the United States Pony Club Symposium that will be in Norfolk, Virginia January 26th through the 30th. We will also be planning for our Mock Quiz on February 5th in



preparation for Quiz Rally. The Metamora Pony Club puts this on as a fundraiser.



As our riding season is winding down, several clubbers are still actively fox hunting and this past week we did so on foot! A great time was had by all!!

As we come to a close I would like to thank our faithful contributors to our bottle drive. Ms. Diane Kangas and her husband Don and Ms. Ruthanne Flory!! We have raised to \$400 with our bottle drive!! This has allowed us to have extra money for mounted lessons and we appreciate, it thank you!!



Metamora Hunt II Pony Club wishes you and your Families the Happiest of Holidays and a Blessed New Year!!

Until next month

Ride Safe!

Mary Orlando DC

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Safety First By Bob Carden

Staying Warm



A warm rider is a safe rider. Of course, we all know that, right? None the less, do make an extra effort to keep yourself warm and comfortable while out fox hunting or exercising



your horse this winter. You will be more alert, responsive, and flexible if you are not chilled.

Wearing a fleece neck gaiter is a good way to keep from losing body heat and a pair of ear flaps under your helmet is another important addition. A loose fitting pair of breeches with a smooth set of long underwear really helps. Loose fitting clothing and boots capture your body heat. Tight fitting clothing or boots are usually chilly.

A wool "Melton" coat that is a size larger than usual, with a wool sweater worn underneath, is a good start to being warm on a winter fox hunt. Winter riding boots are also commonly used by fox hunters. Avoid cotton clothing if you can. Wool or poly will keep you warm, even if damp.

Nylon or silk sock liners used under wool (never cotton) sox are a good bet. Also you might try using stick on toe warmers on top of your socks and perhaps just above the outsides of your ankles. Those little hand warmer packs tucked inside of your gloves really work too!

Be careful and stay safe out there!

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](#)

We are most fortunate to have Mr. Peter Gilles and Mr. Nathan Jerome photograph many of our hunts and activities.



Calendar of Events

Hunt Sponsored Events:

Metamora Hunt - Earth Day Clean Up

April Date TBD

Contact Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093

Metamora Hunt - Trail Rides

Saturday am or Sunday pm

in April, 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

Many of the photos in our monthly newsletters were taken by Peter and Nathan. To view more of Peter's photos just click on: <http://www.metamoraphoto.com/gallery/index.php?cat=13>
To view more of Nathan's photos go to facebook.

Lots of links:

Metamora Hunt:
www.metamurahunt.com

Masters of Fox Hounds Assoc:
www.mfha.org

Metamora II Pony Club:
www.glrpc.org

Metamora Chamber of Commerce:
www.metamorchamber.org

Metamora Carriage and Driving Association:
www.metamocarriagedriving.org

Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center:
www.banburycrosstec.org

Seven Ponds Nature Center:
www.sevenponds.org

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

Metamora Hunt - Summer Hunter Pace

July Date TBD

Contact John Mandich: 248-990-1910

Metamora Hunt - Landowners Picnic

by invitation: July Date TBD

Contact Marsha Freed: 248.214.7003

Metamora Hunt -Youth Hunt

August Date TBD.

Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093,
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Metamora Hunt - Stable Tour

August Date TBD.

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Metamora Hunt - Opening Day of Formal Hunting

September Date TBD

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Metamora Hunt Dressage Show

Date TBD

Contact Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Fall Hunter Pace

September or October Date TBD

Contact Amanda Shelton: 615.440.9238

Michigan Fox Hunters Weekend

October Date TBD

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