

# Metamora Hunt Newsletter

May 2019

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Hunts go out every Wednesday, and Saturday mid- August to mid-January weather permitting. Please contact [michelle1mortier@gmail.com](mailto:michelle1mortier@gmail.com) for a complete list of locations, dates and times.

### Metamora Hunt Website:

[www.metamorahunt.com](http://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 - June 30th

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



We have already been busy planning for the coming season. Later this month we will start "Roading hounds" on Saturday mornings. Riding members are encouraged to join us as well as those who are invited by one of the Masters. So even though it has been too wet to ride cross country you'll be able to ride out and get to know the hounds.

I'm also excited about hosting a joint meet with the Aiken Hounds in early September when they travel here.

### Additional News:

## Earth Day Fun!

In spite of cold and damp weather we had a great turn out of Metamora Countryside Volunteers who made this year's roadside clean-up day great fun for all who attended. Thank you to the hard working Volunteers who did their best to clean up many miles of roadsides, and to Ken and Diane Matheis who provided the delicious barbecue lunch!



For entry forms, liability release, maps, and additional information contact:  
[www.metamorahunt.com](http://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.





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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[www.metamorahunt.com](http://www.metamorahunt.com)

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## Pony Club News

By Lisa Rossman

Friends of Pony Club of Pony Club May 2019:

Wow, what a busy month we've had!





4/13 - The second weekend included a Standards and Certifications clinic. This was a great opportunity to get a better understanding of how the Pony Club certification system works. Clubbers of various certifications from the Region rode as demo riders as examples of each certification level. 12 clubbers, parents, and sponsors from MHIIPC attended this free, educational event including Sharlee (helped with warm ups), Kaila, Kalin (demo rider), Olivia G, Ella, and Chelsea (demo rider).





**4/18 - Parents and clubbers removed debris from about 2.5 miles of road during the annual Metamora Hunt road clean up in honor of Earth Day.**

**4/22 - We had a meeting at Banbury Cross Therapeutic Riding Center in Oxford where we learned about the program and volunteer opportunities.**



## **Tip of the Month** by Bob Carden



4/25 - Several families made the sojourn to Lexington for the Land Rover Three Day Event (the old Rolex). Kailin and Ella were chosen by the United States Pony Club for a Meet and Greet with Pony Club graduates competing at the Land Rover event. They got to meet Allie Saksen, Doug Payne, their grooms and the horses used for the competition. They had an amazing time and Allie stressed the importance of ratings and Pony Club education.

## Think Warm Thoughts



With the weather improving (soon we hope) we all are ready to be out riding on the roads and trails of the Metamora Countryside. 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.

## Calendar of Events



The Metamora Hunt Stable Tour will be held on Sunday, August 11, 2019. Please save the date and make plans to bring friends to our self-guided tour of some of the Metamora Countryside's most beautiful and unique stables.

Tickets will be offered for sale starting in July. For additional information please contact Joe Maday, MFH, 810.678.8384.

### Tornado Siren Test

We would like you to be aware that tornado sirens will be 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>

### Lots of links:

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

Metamora Hunt:  
[www.metamorahunt.com](http://www.metamorahunt.com)

Metamora Photo:  
[www.metamoraphoto.com](http://www.metamoraphoto.com)

Masters of Fox Hounds Assoc:

### Hunt Sponsored Events:

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

#### Metamora Hunt - Summer Hunter Pace

Saturday, June 29, 2019  
 Contact Bob Carden: 586.907.8594

#### Metamora Hunt - Landowners Picnic

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

#### 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:

[www.mfha.org](http://www.mfha.org)

Metamora II Pony Club:

[www.glrpc.org](http://www.glrpc.org)

Metamora Chamber of Commerce:

[www.metamorachamber.org](http://www.metamorachamber.org)

Metamora Carriage and Driving Association:

[www.metamoracarriagedriving.org](http://www.metamoracarriagedriving.org)

Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center:

[www.banburycrosstec.org](http://www.banburycrosstec.org)

Bedrock Stable B&B:

[www.bedrockstablees.com](http://www.bedrockstablees.com)

Crooked House B&B

[www.crookedhousefarm.com](http://www.crookedhousefarm.com)

Crescent Ridge Farms:

[Crescentridgefarmllc@gmail.com](mailto:Crescentridgefarmllc@gmail.com)

Fair Play Farm:

[www.fairplayfarm.com](http://www.fairplayfarm.com)

Hunters Run Farm:

[www.huntersrunfarm.com](http://www.huntersrunfarm.com)

Matador Farm:

[www.matadorfarmllc.com](http://www.matadorfarmllc.com)

Win-a-Gin Farm:

[www.winaginfarm.com](http://www.winaginfarm.com)

Red House Farm:

[susiestroh@aol.com](mailto:susiestroh@aol.com)

Seven Ponds Nature Center:

[www.sevenponds.org](http://www.sevenponds.org)

The Eventing Assn. of Michigan:

[www.eventingmichigan.org](http://www.eventingmichigan.org)

**Metamora CT and CDE Preliminary Championships**

June 20-23, 2019

Windrush Farm: 4295 Barber Rd. Metamora, 48055

Contact [astridjoergens@yahoo.com](mailto:astridjoergens@yahoo.com)

[metamoracarriagedriving.org](http://metamoracarriagedriving.org)

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](mailto:rrrcarden@gmail.com)

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](mailto:rrrcarden@gmail.com)

