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.

Save the Date!

Metamora Hunt Ball - March 7, 2020

Location: The Buhl Estate at Addison Oaks!

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



The Hunt enjoyed many exciting days following the Metamora Hounds this fall. We invite you to join with us in a variety of Hunt activities in the coming year. Please come out and learn more about our hounds by joining us as we walk them out for exercise on most non-hunting days.

If weather conditions permit, we will continue to hunt on Wednesdays and Saturdays into January. However, after the current fixture card, information on meets can be found by calling the Hunt Kennel.

All of those connected with the Hunt would like to again thank the many Metamora Hunt Country landowners who granted us permission to ride across their property and to wish them a joyous holiday season.



Wassailing Parade Photos from Peter



Additional News:

Congratulations to Monique Molnar-Bates!



Monique Molnar-Bates was awarded her Colors by the Masters of Foxhounds of the Metamora Hunt at a recent hunt meet. The award of Colors is the greatest honor that any member of a fox hunt can receive and Monique is a most worthy recipient.

Monique has a long history with the Hunt. In the early 1990's she met Deborah Bates Pace and became her working student at Red House Farm. Debbie introduced Monique to foxhunting and she fell immediately in love with the sport! Monique helped with exercising MFH Warren Packard's horses, keeping them fit, along with helping Huntsman Patricia Pearces's horses and hound exercises. Graduate school at U of M and career opportunities in New York and California took Monique away from Metamora until 2008 when she relocated to the area and rejoined the Metamora Hunt.

In addition to foxhunting Monique also rides and shows in dressage and still occasionally schools cross country jumps. Monique continues to be a strong supporter, volunteer, landowner, and current Board Member of the Hunt. She is dedicated to maintaining and preserving the beauty and tradition of foxhunting in the







Metamora Countryside that we all love and cherish.

Congratulations Monique, you are a true ambassador of the Metamora Hunt and we all appreciate your inspiration, hard work, and dedication! We are proud to call you our own!

Pony Club News

By Lisa Rossman

Friends of Pony Club of Pony Club November 2019:

November is when we start to slow down over the holiday season, but we did have a meeting on 11/5. We discussed our plans for participating in the upcoming Wassailing Celebration in Metamora on Saturday 12/7 at 2 pm. As a fundraiser, we will be selling hot chocolate and chili in the staging area to the participants. Three Clubbers will be riding in the horse-only parade and other Clubbers will carry the club banner. If you attend, please be sure to stop by and say hello! I expect Metamora will be decked out for Christmas and the



parade.

Chelsea M. sold her super horse Annie to a Pony Clubber in the Central Michigan Pony Club. She got a new horse named, Riot, a five-year-old Thoroughbred that she looks forward to eventing next summer.

Olivia R. moved her horse, Leo, to Hunters Run for the month to get him used to the sites and



hills that abound there. She looks forward to taking him back for three months in the spring to get ready for some local dressage shows next



summer.

Ella S. and Moriah O. attended an upper-level clinic at Brookside Farm in South Lyon for lessons with a Pony Club national examiner and bandaging practice. Both will help them get ready for their next rating.

Kalin M. competes on the equestrian team at Otterbein University in Ohio. Otterbein recently competed against Miami University, Kentucky and Wooster. Kailin got first in her Dressage Equitation class! We are so proud of her!!





We wish everyone the happiest Christmas, Boxing Day and Hanukka!!!



If you would like to see more of Peter Gilles' photos of the Metamora Wassailing Parade, go to:

http://www.metamoraphoto.com/gallery/thumbnails-368.html





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

> Metamora Hunt: www.metamorahunt.com

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

Calendar of Events

Hunt Sponsored Events:

Metamora Hunt - Hunt Ball

March 7th., 2020 Contact Marcia Turner: 248.515.3229.

Non - Hunt Sponsored Events:

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

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> 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>