Metamora Hunt August 2025

# METAMORA HUNT HOUNDS, PLEASE

# Our Hunt Masters of Foxhounds (MFHs)

Joe Maday, MFH Ken Matheis, MFH

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The Metamora Hunt has promoted country simplicity for nearly a century through the promotion of hunting, outdoor sports and recreation as an agent in the management of farmlands, wildlife, reforestation, and breeding of livestock.

We meet all high standards established by MFHA (Master's of Foxhounds of America) for hound care.

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### Stable Tour: Sunday, August 10th

Tour six of our beautiful and storied horse stables in our countryside. Tickets available the day of the tour at Hunt Kennels, 5614 Barber Rd, Metamora starting at 11:30 am until 2:30 pm. Tour maps will be provided then. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time at the White Horse Inn, Metamora, but map still required at Hunt Kennels. Questions: Carole Beckett, Hunt Secretary, metamorahuntsec@gmail.com

## Saturday, September 20th Opening Day of Formal Hunting

Opening day of mounted hunting is one of our most special days. Horses manes are braided, hooves are shined, tack is perfect and riders are in formal attire: black coats for riders or staff who have not yet earned their "colors" and for riders or staff who have earned them, the Metamora Hunt colors are worn on their collars with men in scarlet coats. St. Hubert medals are passed out to riders and sherry is offered in a "stirrup cup". There is a blessing of hounds, followed by Master's comments and the words "Hounds, please". Held at the Reynold's Family field on the corner of Delano and Rock Valley, Metamora, the event starts at 10 am promptly. Non-Riding members are welcome, but are

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#### **Master's Comments**

The hunt season will begin on August 13th, but other events have kept us busy around the countryside. Landowners and Hunt Members have been hard at work trimming trails not only for the season, but for the Fall Hunter Pace. We again want to thank the landowners who continue to allow us to cross their property during the season.

All riders should remember that the land in hunt country is privately owned and as a courtesy to landowners please make sure you have permission to ride out on non-hunt days.

We are also grateful to Carole Beckett and her team who made this year's Landowners Picnic an enormous success. Everyone who attended gave the event nothing but raye revues.

Please try to join us at upcoming events in Metamora Hunt Country. The Hunt Country Stable Tour will be on Sunday, August 10. Call Joe Maday for information at 586-381-8834.

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required to call one of the Masters ahead of time: Joe Maday, MFH 586-381-8834 or Ken Matheis, MFH at 248-431-4093. Fee is \$100. Additional questions: Carole Beckett, Hunt Secretary, mtamorahuntsec@gmail.com or 248-417-1639.

#### Fall Hunter Pace scheduled for Sunday, September 28th

Simulating a foxhunt with trail markers being the fox's scent that the hounds would have to follow, join us for a ride through private trails opened up just for you and your team of 2-4 on a memorable ride in our countryside. Fastest riders go out at 9 am in 15 minute intervals and optimal riders go out in 15 minute intervals till noon. Prizes awarded. Cost is \$50 (\$35 for juniors). Forms and requirements and waivers on Metamorahunt.com. Please check Hunt Kennel hotline for weather updates: 810-678-2711.

#### **Hunt Barn Facelift:**

Through the incredible donation of Bob Kaiser, local landowner, the Hunt barn has a new face. Thank you Bob Kaiser, for all of your support in so many ways!





# Mark your calendars for the Annual Barn Dance: October 25th