

METAMORA HUNT HOUNDS, PLEASE

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The Metamora Hunt has promoted Hunt Country lifestyle 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 (Masters of Foxhounds of America) for hound care.

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Opening Day, Saturday September 26, 2026

Held at the corner of Delano and Rock Valley Roads, this is the first day of formal hunting and riders will be in formal attire (men who have been awarded colors in scarlet, women in black with hunt colors on their collars). You may see a few women who are riding side saddle. Horses manes are braided and a bag piper is usually present. There will be a short ceremony with a blessing of the hounds and riders, the Master of Foxhounds says a few words, turns to the Huntsman and says "hounds, please" and off they go, promptly at 10 am.

Fall Hunter Pace moved to September 27th!

This is our most beautiful Hunter Pace! The Hunter Pace simulates a foxhunt, with trail markers being the fox's or coyote'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 and 9:15 am. Teams riding in the Optimum Time Class will ride at their own pace and depart between 9:15am to 11:30am (this is intended to simulate the pace during a real fox hunt). Prizes will be awarded.

Cost is \$50 for adults and \$35 for juniors (17 and under).

Forms, requirements and waivers on metamorahunt.com.



Master's Comments

The Autumn Hunt Season is in full swing with hounds, horses, and riders preparing for the beginning of the Metamora Hunt Opening Day on Saturday, September 26, the beginning of our Formal Season. We will gather again, at the Reynolds Family's Farm on Rock Valley Rd.

The Hunt will host the Fall Hunter Pace on September 27th and a Barn Dance on October 24th. These events are a treat for spectators and riders alike, and all are welcome, so please join us.

The best way to keep up with Hunt activities is to call the Hunt Kennel at 810-678-2711.

Not only are you able to hear what activities are planned for a given day, but you will get last minute updates.

Joe Maday, MFH



Metamora Hunt Hosts Barn Dance on October 24th.

Are you ready for some fun?

The Hunt is hosting its Annual Barn Dance on **Saturday, October 24, 2026** starting at 6:30 pm. Held at a local barn and featuring a professional caller, this is always a fun event. Wear your best western gear and your dancing shoes. **We will again be offering our Chili tasting contest with a prize awarded (but you must enter by October 20th).**

Bring your own preferred drinks and a dish to pass, if you wish. Cost is \$50 per person. Space is limited and

preregistration is required. Visit our website:

metamorahunt.com for tickets or contact Carole Beckett at metamorahuntsec@gmail.com.

Kennel Korner

by Adrian Smith, Huntsman for the Metamora Hunt

Breeding of hounds is planned with eyes on scenting, obedience, and spirit. Puppies are named using the first letter of the name of the female (or bitch) and they are numerically tattooed shortly after birth. Our pack is registered with the MFHA, or Masters of Foxhounds Association of North America, as are our breeding results. It is not unusual for hunts across the US to trade puppies and thus "draft in" new bloodlines from other packs. As the puppies mature they develop their own personalities and skills and are "coupled" with a knowledgeable hound to learn their role. This may take a season or more before they are formally "entered" into hunting. This year we had five puppies from 2025 who were "entered".

Hope this is helpful. Kick on.....