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**Celebrating
50 Years**

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50 Years - Pieces from the Past

April/May 1989 Bugle. Our first organized trail work day on the SNETT.

April 29th cleanup on the Trunkline. This latter was a triumph of cooperation. The Blackstone Valley Tribune ran a front page feature on May 3rd.

About three dozen volunteers from NETRA (New England Trail Riders Association), BSTR and other user groups worked under the supervision of Bill Anese to clean up several miles of the old RR grade. Five park employees worked with the volunteers, stuffing trash into a BFI packer truck donated for the day.

Bay State president Paul Giguere wrote BRI's James Lawrence thanking him for the company's generous participation in the effort, say in part: "With the equipment provided by your company, our volunteer workers were able to clean up a substantial portion of the trail and to efficiently dispose of the refuse collected."

The use of the container truck was arranged by governing board member Joe Brothers, a driver for BFI.

Nov. 1989 Bugle

It is with great regret that we acknowledge the resignation of Executive Director, Ed Whalley. He has spent many years working to build this organization and he will be sorely missed by one and all.
Janice L. Key



Trails west

Saturday was clean-up day for several miles of the state recreational trail in Douglas, formerly the New York/New Haven railroad. Under the direction of Wallum Lake Park Supervisor William Anese, five park employees and over 30 volunteers from horse and vehicle riding groups cleared debris, loading it into a trash compactor lent for the occasion by BFI Waste Systems. Becky Kalagher, above, throws trash into truck. Left, William Casey of Douglas ties rope to tires so they can be drawn up an embankment. (Ken Handfield Jr. photos)



Goddard Park, RI Brunch Ride Held July 15th. (–Rose Zariczny)

Despite weather forecasts of intermittent rain, the day turned out fine with a slight 10-minute misting mid-morning then nothing until after everyone had left the grounds. It was quite warm, but the coastal breezes provided relief and deerflies were minimal. I don't know who enjoyed the splashing in the water more, horses or riders. Valerie Clark (one of our Directors) relates how she needed a quiet riding partner and hooked up with Rose Blomgren. Rose is the adult daughter of long-time member Penny Blomgren who happened to be in Alaska on vacation. Well, Rose headed out in shorts riding bareback with an agenda. Her horse loves the water! A video was made as witness to Rose jumping off in the water as her horse rolls joyously! Val thought this was great as her horse is afraid of water, lol!

Husband Bill refused to cook in this heat and humidity--says he's getting too old. So, I provided a choice of cold cuts, cheese, and veggies for sandwiches, a refreshing mixed fruit salad, and pasta salad (seashell shape to go with the seaside location). And to finish it off, frozen lemon Italian Ice, and pastries that included Deb Deschenes's back by popular demand orange brownies. Yum!

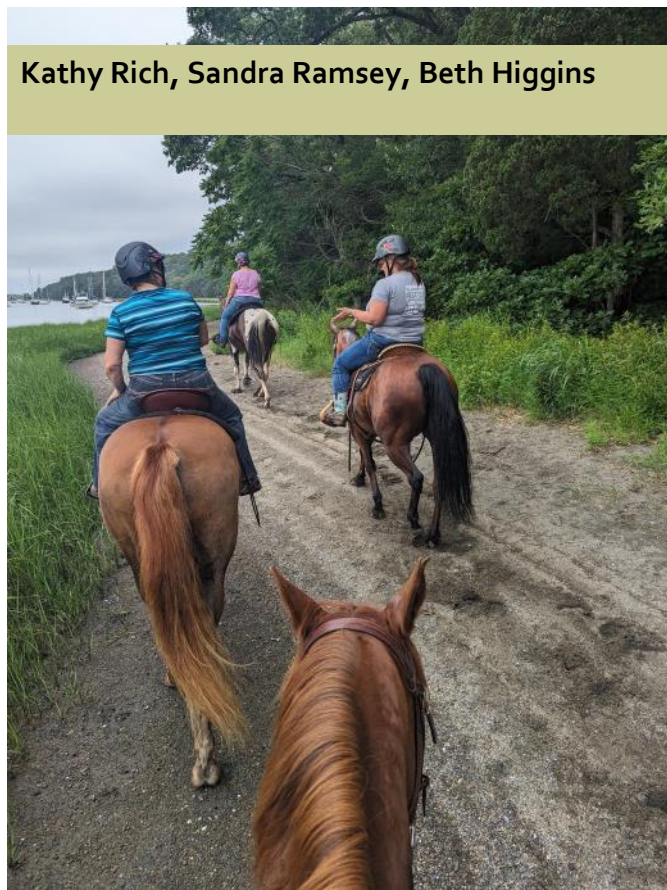
Everyone seemed to enjoy the ride and socializing during lunch. We also sold a number of our new commemorative 50th anniversary tee shirts that we had on hand (\$15.00).

Thank you, Bill and Deb for all your help and Becky Kalagher, Buzz & Rita Ballou for your assistance too. Also, thank you to our ride sponsors, **Bob Clark's Dog Training** and **Savers Bank**.

Rose Blomgren & Valerie Clark



Kathy Rich, Sandra Ramsey, Beth Higgins



Happy Trails!

Rose Zariczny



4th of July Campout Sponsored by Azrael Acres & Rocky Rhodes Design

(--Rose Zariczny)

Camping this weekend proved to be challenging with the constant threat of rain. Fortunately, a riding opportunity window presented each day and on the plus side, deer flies were not bothersome.

Although we only had on campfire evening, visiting under our screen house was fun.

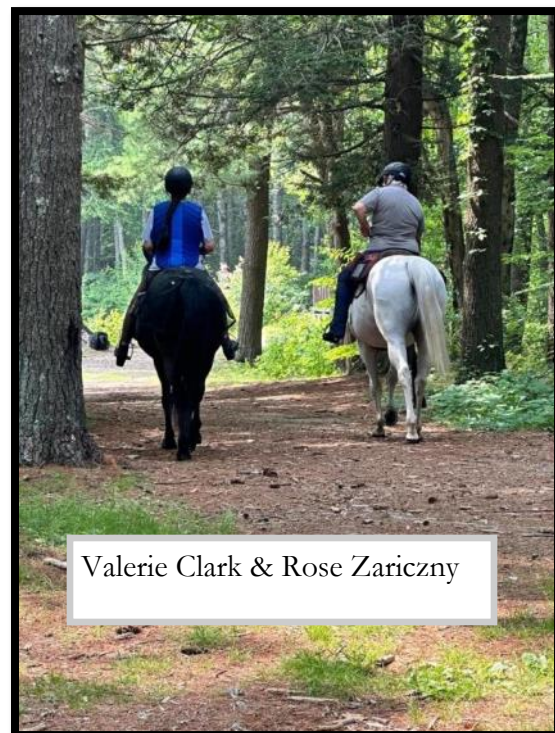
Thank you for participating & donating: Julie Grant & Jim Fallon, Jen Eaton and Valerie Clark. Bill and I always enjoy hosting.

Becky Kalagher and David Maenzo visited as well as many dog walkers passing through. All friendly!



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Cabbage Hill Ride sponsored by Hope Botanicals & Crothers Tire

Horses - Trails - Partnerships. That is what this ride was all about. Yes, there was the fun, food and friends (was going to say frolicking, but we really didn't do that!), but what we established is a partnership that helps horseback riders and trails.



In this day and age of trying to keep access open for horseback riders, partnerships like this are vital. Wyndham Land Trust is a great partner

and like Penny mentioned in her little speech, you as riders can become members of the land trust to strengthen that partnership. I know that everyone has to pick and choose what they "invest" in, but groups like ourselves and Wyndham Land Trust are the investments that need to be made to support horseback riding.

We had a bit of an extra bonus on this ride. While Penny Foisey and her daughter Catlin were marking the trails, (huge thanks for that) they ran into Ray Morgan and let him know that a bunch of horses would be passing by his place on the dirt road. Doesn't he offer to let riders go up the hill for a gorgeous view and loop down back to the dirt road. He worked to take out rocks and clean up the trail just so we could use it. Now that is a great neighbor.

Our lunch was a variety of pizzas and salad delivered by Four G's Restaurant & Pizza out of Dayville CT. They were really great to work with, on time delivery and calling after lunch to see if everything was okay. Plus they gave us a \$25 gift certificate to their place for the raffle table.

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Grosvenordale provided the port a john and was another really nice company to work with.

I have to thank Valerie Clark for tracking down the piz-



za place and the port a john, that was a big help for this ride.

Yours truly provided the desserts, Italian ice, 4 cream pies and some cookies. (Should I tell you that I forgot to put the chips out!) Such is life and they will be on the next ride.

Thanks to the rest of our helpers. Janeen Rose and Va-



lerie Clark for doing the registration table. Joan Adams for manning the raffle table and the t-shirt sales. And helping with the parking as Justin, Pete, and Penny.

Nice job everyone!

We had agreed to split the proceeds of this ride with Wyndham Land Trust to help support their efforts. I am happy to say that we will be sending them a check for \$1,200. Thank you to the 61 riders that made this possible, and to all that donated to the raffle table. **BK**



Bay State Trail Riders Association is celebrating their **50th ANNIVERSARY!**

AUGUST 27, 2023 ARROWHEAD ACRES, UXBRIDGE, MA

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Registration Form: For those attending and NOT riding, or lunch only, please fill out the first five lines and check the top box. For riders attending please fill out all lines.

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Town, State, Zip		
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Horse's Name		
Coggins # and Date (within a year)		
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Price: \$15

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Huge thanks to Joanne Podles for creating the design!

Grafton Land Trust Work Party

I happened to come across this post on Friday the 28th. I decided to JOIN THE CREW THIS SATURDAY July 29, 2023 at 10:00 am at the end of Salisbury St off of Keith Hill Rd. Ben Neely will be leading us back to the blocked stream so we can clean it, restore the flow, and that will reduce the mud zone back there. If we get 10 people or so, we will be done in an hour. Bring your muddy gear (boots, gloves, etc) and if you have a pulp hook or other log handling equipment it could come in handy. This will give the Conservation Commission a first-hand view of this town-owned property and is a first step in getting an improvement on the site, such as a bridge or other concepts.

Our crew was smaller than 10, but we got the job done in an hour plus on the way out we opened up another small stream that was backed up on the trail creating a huge puddle.

Blackstone Valley NEMBA: Biagio Cautill, Michael Tonry, and Laura Zimmer. Grafton Land Trust: Ben Neely & Rob Aberg. BSTR: Becky Kalagher (had to make sure the horse people were represented as horseback riding is allowed on GLT properties.) Hey, here is that partnership thing again I was talking about!

I am happy to say that we got the logs and stones pulled out, cleared out the outlet end of where the water was going to get it back on it's correct path. It is going to take a bit for the mud around the area to "drain" and dry out. In the mean time anyone using that trail please try to stay on the original path as much as possible. I do believe that GLT is going to put up some signs to keep everyone out of the mud area. All totaled 9.48 hours put in today.

Now the GLT members will have to get the Conservation Commission out there to move on to the next step of a permanent solution so this doesn't happen again.

Before. Logs blocking flow. Red arrows show where stream should be going. 80% blocked going into the woods thus water going down the trail.



After. Water flow is now back on course. Lots of drying out needed now.



After. Didn't get a before. But you can see two blue pipes in the back that were not at all doing the job. Pulled them out and cleaned up all the debris blocking water flow. Temporary bridge crossing made from timber pulled out of the mud.

Lake Dennison Trail Work

In preparation for the Aug. 6th ride at Lake Dennison I met up with Peggy Rotti and two of her friends to check out the trails and to make sure all the markers were up.

Things were looking good until we got to the loop off of Wetmore Trail called Rockets Ext. on one map. We started running into smallish stuff we could handle with our hand saws. Peggy and I did the work while her two



friends held the horses.

We got .6 of a mile in, working as we went. We ran into 3

downed trees that we "left" for park personnel to take care of because they were beyond the scope of our tools.

We made it around those three downed trees and then ran into the proverbial wall. Huge dead hemlock across the trail and so much other stuff behind it and there was no way around that mess. We had to turn back.

In about 1.5 hours we did get a half mile cleaned up. I did have a good laugh at the first tree. Someone else had started to cut the tree. After looking at the tree, I knew they needed a lesson on how forces work. **BK**



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Mary Fusco, Royalston MA
Tammy Rantala, Lakeville MA
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Congratulations to the following winners in the second quarter: Ann Marie Allaire and Jessica Wornham.

50th Anniversary Event.

Anyone that has any old BSTRA paraphernalia, we would love to borrow it to display at our Aug. 27th event. Do you know anyone that used to be a member of BSTRA ages ago? Ask them to get in touch with us, they might have some old pictures or certificates we would love to see and make copies of.

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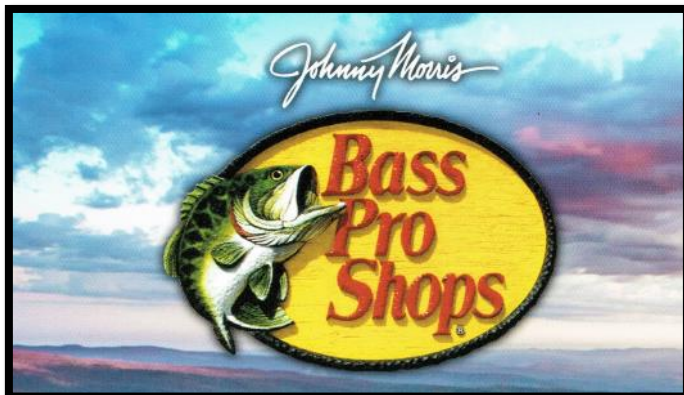
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We are the only horseback riding group that has the relationship with the Department of Conservation & Recreation to represent our concerns and needs and that provides information to other towns or land owning agencies when they ask for it. We have gotten to the position that we now have people coming to us for advice and information. That's a great place to be.

We need to grow. We need new & energetic people with fresh ideas and new view points to get on our Board. To run more effectively we need to get a lot of the work that the Board is doing now into Committees. Like the Fundraising Committee (every organization needs money to function and accomplish it's mission), Ride & Events Committee (plan our rides and events for the year, apply for permits, list rides for NEHT and so on), Trails Committee (tackling trail improvement projects, partnering with other agencies or organizations to do a trail projects). Then not necessarily committees, but could be, social media and taking better advantage of that, website updating. Someone to do pictures and video's at events/rides to use for our social media. And lets throw in the monthly newsletter! Like to write? We very easily can have a couple of people doing the newsletter.

New people don't necessarily need to be "horse" people, if they have the skills that we need and they want to help, then lets get them on board.

Please, if you believe in what we are doing and want to see it continue, please get involved. Have a friend that might fit the bill? ASK, you don't know until you ask and I am asking.

Of late I have seen too many organizations that are folding because no one else doesn't want to do the job. We don't want that to happen here! We have a great Board that can teach, guide, and mentor and pass along our knowledge - god knows - we have been doing this long enough.


My goal is to get this "new" chapter in place before the end of 2024. Because at that time I will no longer be "running" for president. I will stay on, definitely on the Trails Committee, but not as president any more.

If you have the skills, passion and about 4 hours a month (give or take) please contact any of our board members listed on the front page and get in the saddle! **BK**

Three State Relay - Heads Up

On Aug. 26th the RiMaConn Relay is taking place. It's a 95 mile run. 90% of the course runs on the Blackstone River Bikeway, Southern New England Trunkline Trail, Air Line Trail, Hop River Trail and Charter Oak Greenway.

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Correction

I inadvertently left out a name from the National Trails Day product donations. David Maenzo \$435.

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Aug. 27	50th Anniversary Ride, <i>Ride Sponsored by Swerling Milton Winnick & Koopman Lumber</i>	Suzanne	508-380-2124	hc07645@gmail.com
Sept. 10*	Western Trivia Ride, Upton MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Milford Federal Bank/</i>	Suzanne	508-380-2124	hc07645@gmail.com
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Oct. 15	Mt. Jefferson Ride, Hubbardston MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Dean Bank & Xact Property Management</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
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Oct. 29*	Big Pumpkin Ride, Upton MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Unibank</i>	Joyce	617-429-1319	jscanion@charter.net
Nov. 5*	Turkey Trot, Carver MA <i>Ride Sponsored by New England Drywall & From the Horses Mouth</i>	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
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Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc. Membership Application (expires December 31st)

Mail this form with check payable to **BSTRA, Inc.** to: Rose Zariczny, 216 Grand Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

Name: _____ phone: (_____)_____

Do NOT release my name for discounts or coupons to benefit BSTRA []

Address: _____ email: _____
(# & street) (town/city) (state/zip)

Please check all that apply:

Single \$25 [] \$1m excess liability insurance (single), additional \$20 [] Individual Lifetime Membership \$400 []

Family \$35 [] \$1m excess liability insurance (family), additional \$40 []

Additional Barn Membership \$35 [] Barn Name _____

Additional donation to this 501(c)(3) corporation \$ _____. Your tax exempt donation will be acknowledged.

I'd like to receive your free monthly bulletin *The Bugle* via email [] or printed copy in black & white []

I'd like to receive **Community Horse**, published Spring & Fall, at no cost to me []

I can help

I was referred to BSTRA by _____
(name of member)

- by volunteering for trail work days []
- by sponsoring a trail ride (\$) []
- by hosting/running a trail ride []
- with other projects that might be needed []
- by serving on the Board of Directors [] committee []
- with _____

Questions? rzariczny@verizon.net or 401-487-3190

Thank you for your support. Happy Trails!