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**Celebrating  
50 Years**

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## 50 Years - Pieces from the Past

*From April/May 1991 Bugle*

I attended the New England Trails Conference on March 16 at Holyoke Community College. After everyone was settled in, I realized that 97% of the people there were hikers and the panel discuss was going to be on multi-use trails.

First to speak from the panel was Ed Whalley representing horses. He told why one should be more afraid of horses than horses are of you. Horses are a big animal with a mind of their own. They can turn four ways and kick in a couple of ways. So, the other trail users should keep in mind that they need a bit of space for both parties safety.

The next speaker, Nat Scrimshaw (hiker), discussed the value of trail and what they meant to him: 1. Getting away from civilization, 2. Physical challenge, 3. Solitude and/or companion sharing, 4. Freedom of travel, 5. Back to nature and 6. Conservation or stewardship.

His idea about multi-use trails would be to look at the conflicts and differences along with shared values. He used a mountain bike for his example as he had just recently encountered one while he was out hiking.

The first difference would be speeds, but even with the different speeds involved, it still ended up being companionable on the trail because the mountain bike person stopped and chatted while with the hiker.

The second difference or conflict would be that mountain bikes would affect remote areas. What would involve 2 days for a hike would involve 1 day for a mountain bike. Would mean more people in the remote areas.

For the shared values he believed that #1,2,5 & 6 they definitely had in common. Also the shared values outweighed the differences. His conclusion is understanding the differences among trail users should make them compatible trail users.

The next speaker was Ben Phelps (canoeist/ATV user). He believed trails can be all use by just using trail courtesy and common sense to mitigate any problems. He also brought an interesting point in the development of any new recreational sport. The first stage you have all the yahoos out and about. The second stage it gets over regulated. And the third stage being the middle ground and acceptance.

The next gentleman from the Parks & Recreation in New Hampshire. They have already helped some local groups solve some problems and helped encourage them to look at trails as multi-use.

He sees the good reasons for multi-use as a broader constituency meaning more people interested in trails. In turn being more money, volunteers, and support. More opportunities at different levels.

Next speaker was Paul Remington

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(motorcyclist)/ He started off by saying that with full gear on we tend to look terrible, Darth Vader type. Bikes are also noisy and that they have a fast wear factor on trails. But, take all this gear off and motorcycle people are just like everyone else. You get to know the person and he's a pretty good guy. He said that motorcyclists are not transcendentalists. They have a purpose, to get somewhere and to do something out on the trails.

Next in line was Heide Faulk (mountain bike). She would like mountain bikes to be seen as a legitimate user group. To see trails for all users, education on proper trail courtesy. As a new group, they are willing to learn and work on trail maintenance. Also, with more trails

open, it would tend to disperse the users rather than bunching them up on less trails. Her last point was that trails should be looked at on a case by case situation. Even though the "trails" may be the same, what works in one area may not work in another. So it would be better not to lump them the same, but look at each area separately.

After the panel discussion was over, during lunch all the comments that I heard about multi-use trails was favorable. Maybe they are realizing that with more people-less land, trail use by all people is increasing. And to keep them open, we are all going to have to get along and use trails responsibly. It can and has been done. The future of our trails depend upon it. **BK**

### *Help needed on upcoming rides*

Oct. 15th Mt. Jefferson Ride: A couple of people to do the registrations and some desserts.

Oct. 22nd Lea MacInnis Judged Pleasure Ride: 2 people for parking, 2 people for the registrations and food, people to do judging (it's not that hard, explanations on judge sheet and we use points for scoring), and we need desserts to go with the hot meal.

Oct. 29th Big Pumpkin: 2 people for parking, and 2 people for registrations & food.

Nov. 12th: 2 people for parking, 2 people for registrations & food, and some desserts.

If you can help, please contact the ride host - their information is listed on the calendar of events. Thank you.

### *Volunteer Hours - Submit Online*

We have set up a volunteer form on our website to submit your volunteer hours.

On the top menu bar, click on membership, then volunteer and you will see in that drop down menu, submit volunteer hours. Click on that to pull up the form.

You have room to submit up to three volunteer events at one time.

We are trying to set this up so we can gather all the data into spreadsheets with the capability of pulling out the information that we might need.

Please try to make us of this, it would be greatly appreciated. **BK**

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### *Welcome New Members*

Beth Arnold, South Carver, MA

Deborah Capra, West Wareham, MA

## *Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc.*

# Pleasure Ride at Mt. Jefferson Conservation Area, Hubbardston MA Oct. 15th (Sunday)

**Location:** 53 Mount Jefferson Road, Hubbardston. Directions: From Hubbardston Center (Rt.68) turn onto Williamsville Road. Turn right onto Mt. Jefferson Road. Malone Road is 1st road on right. Mt. Jefferson parking is on left after Malone Road.

**Check in:** 9:30      Ride out: 10 am

**Length:** 8+/- miles    NEHT affiliated

**Cost:** BSTRA members \$20 Non-members \$25

Juniors 17 and under ride & eat free

Lunch for those that have pre-registered.

Registrations must be postmarked by Oct. 11th

Please make checks payable to BSTRA and mail to:  
Becky Kalagher, 24 Glen St., Douglas MA 01516

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*Contact for information  
Phone: 508-476-3960  
E-mail: bstra@charter.net*

Entry Information Hubbardston	Rider #1	Rider #2
Rider's Name		
Horse's Name		
Rider's Year of Birth		
Street Address		
Town, State, Zip		
BSTRA member Yes or No		
Phone Number		
E-Mail Address		
Coggins # and date (with in a year)		





### *Wild West Ride sponsored by Milford Federal Bank*

The entire week before the ride we were saddled with oppressive heat and humidity. Outdoor activities weren't fit for man nor beast.....indoor air conditioning was the place to be. Who would have thought by near mid-September we'd be having a heat wave. Marking trails for the ride was no place for older or out-of-shape horses. We needed plan B. We could mark up a map with an easy-to-follow loop so riders wouldn't get lost and add a few options for the more adventurous riders. We sent out our new plans to the registered riders so that they would know what to expect. The day of the ride, the forecast was promising lower temperatures, but thunderstorms were looming, likely in the afternoon. Fingers crossed. Despite the weather, the trailers rolled in and we had 27 riders prepared to ride with their maps. In keeping with our wild west theme there were cowboy hats and boots and lots of fringe. Everyone arrived safely back for a lunch of pizza, salad and dessert. Our wild west theme winners were a gun-toting Lisa Grigaitis, cow poke Deborah Capra and cowgirl bridezilla Donna Kirkpatrick. Thanks to our volunteers – Rose Zariczny our trailer parking guru, Deb Deschene and Sue Quirk for getting everyone signed in and pulling the lunch together and a shout out to Suzanne Nicholas who is the creative mind behind this ride and was unable to join us as she's still recovering from a horse-riding accident. As I pulled out of the park after clean-up, the skies opened up and the rain began. Thank you rain gods for holding off until we were done. See you next year, pardner! *Joyce Sandvik*





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# Lea MacInnis Judged Pleasure Ride

Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc.

**Oct. 22, 2023**

**Location:** Baker Road, Thompson CT. From route 193S (coming from Massachusetts), take the sharp, hairpin left downhill onto East Thompson road, heading toward the Speedway.

After about 1/2 mile, take the first paved right onto Alm Road. If you pass the Speedway, you've gone too far. Follow Alm Road to the end. Take a left onto Baker Road. There will be a BSTRA sign to direct you to the left turn into the field. For GPS use: 165 Baker Road Thompson, CT. That will get you close. Watch for signs!

If you're coming from the Douglas end of East Thompson Road, please swing wide when you are taking that left onto Alm Road so you don't have any issues with your trailer.

**Check in:** 9:00 **Ride out:** 10:00

**Price:** BSTRA members: \$30 Non-Members:\$35 Meal Only: \$10  
Meal and riding judged included for those that pre-register.  
Entry deadline for pre-entries is **Oct 18th**.

**Lunch:** Roasted chicken with vegetables

**NEHT** Affiliated 5+/- miles

**Un-Judged Pleasure:** This is an option for riders. If you wish to ride un-judged, please make that indication on the entry form. Post entries will have to ride un-judged.

Ribbons will be awarded after lunch in the following divisions: Senior (over 65), Adult (64 and under), and Junior (under 18).

**Contact:** Carolyn at 508-839-1902 or [bigt\\_weeks@msn.com](mailto:bigt_weeks@msn.com)



Please make checks payable to BSTRA and mail to: Carolyn Weeks, 110 Main St., S. Grafton MA 01560

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**YERED TRAILES**

Entry Information Lea MacInnis	Rider #1	Rider #2
Rider's Name		
Horse's Name		
Rider's Year of Birth		
Street Address		
Town, State, Zip		
BSTRA member? Yes or No		
Optional Trails Donation		
Phone Number		
E-Mail Address		
Coggins # and date (within a year)		
Riding Un-Judged or Judged?		



## *Sue Brainard Memorial Fall Hunter Pace sponsored by The Mane Place*



Hurricane Lee passed by the coast, but thankfully it was far enough out to sea so it ended up not impacting us for this ride. Though it was pretty windy the day we set up jumps and DCR took a ride through the course and cleaned up some downed trees and let us know about the bees on the Grand Trunk Trail. I had to go and move two jumps out of that area to make sure no one got stung along with posting a "bees" sign.

We ended up having a really super nice day. We had 47 riders that did make the pace. We even had a group of 6 juniors from Peterborough NH join us. How nice to see that. Kudos to that facility for bringing the kids out.

We did loose one jump the evening before the event. Thinking a motorized vehicle ran into it. Lets just say it ended up looking like kindling. At least it was put off to the side of the trail.

It seems with the nice weather we ended up having, everyone was out on the trail. I saw more than the usual amount of people out there especially on the SNETT.

I even ended up passing three mountain bikers. I just called out passing on your left, of course it was coming up to a jump. They passed the jump on the right and I went around on the left. It was pretty cool and I did thank them.

After the ride we had a great lunch from Willow Brook in Mendon. Eggplant parmesan, chicken parmesan, penne with marinara sauce, chicken broccoli alfredo, bread, salad, and all kinds of desserts that people brought. We

ride well and eat well!

After lunch we drew the door prizes. A huge thanks to David Maenzo for donating 30 bottles of All Natural Tick and Bug Spray, from our friends at Yucc'it up in Douglas, Ma. We had a lot of happy people with that many door prizes.

Before I get to the winners for the day I want to thank all the volunteers that made this event possible (and gave me the chance to ride!). Gloria Duhaime, Becky Kalagher, Bill Knott, Lisa Grigaitis, Darlene Falcone, Bobbi Enman, Rose Zariczny, Sharron Cochran, Kerianne Foley, Deb Foley, David Maenzo, Sue Sanders, Mary Ellen Coyne, Ann Marie Allaire, Karleen Mohn, Aurora Carriere, and Deb Deschenes.

Finally - the winners of our Sue Brainard Memorial Fall Hunter Pace!

### **Hunter Division**

1st: Jenna Goldsnider, 2nd: Becky Kalagher, 3rd: Cailyn Root & Olivia Nicholas, 4th: Karen Downey, 5th: Tammy Rantala 6th: Ray Hill.

### **Hilltop Division**

1st: Christine & Mike Mather & Marisa Rockwell, 2nd: Becca Johnson, 3rd: Ericka Cote & Tam Race, 4th: Chris & Joanne Podles, 5th: Annamaria Paul & Bethani Chadbourne & Crysanda Aloia, 6th: Bonnie Bielefeld & Amy Kuo & Jennifer Lee

### **Trail Blazer Division**

1st: Sue Harvey, Savannah Audet, 2nd: Lynn Pedersen & Erin Fitzgerald, 3rd: Darlene Falcone, 4th: Valerie Clark & Kelly Berthiaume 5th: Denise Leonard, 6th: Pam DeSimone

### **Junior Division**

1st: Bobbie Enman

**BK**



# THE BIG PUMPKIN RIDE

RIDE DATE Sunday - October 29, 2023.

Location: Upton State Forest



This ride is held in conjunction with the Friends of the Upton State Forest . We would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication .

**Ride: check –in 9:30am Ride out by 10:00 Lunch served after the ride.**



Ride the lands and trails of the Upton State Forest, and private connections opened for this event.

**Cost: BSTR A Members \$25, Non-member \$30, 17 and under ride and eat free. Lunch only \$10**

Lunch assured for those who register by Oct. 25th

No Post Entries No rain date. RAIN OR SHINE as we believe we would be absolutely batty to cancel or reschedule!!!

**Directions: Mass Pike west to Rt. 495 south (Upton exit 54B) right off ramp, go straight 3.5 miles and take hard right onto Westboro Rd. Forest is 2 miles on the right. Address is 205 Westboro Road, Upton MA.**

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Costume attire is **HIGHLY** encouraged -after all the Big Pumpkin will be watching on this 7-10 mile route. Prizes for the best costumes. / Pre-registration is **REQUIRED**. Once trailer limit is reached, ride will be closed.

NEHT Affiliated

Contact Joyce for further information. E-mail correspondence preferred. [jscanion@charter.net](mailto:jscanion@charter.net) or 617-429-1319

Please mail entry forms to Joyce Sandvik, 103 Ariel Circle, Sutton MA 01590 along with payment made out to BSTR A.

**Big Pumpkin Tradition: Bring a pumpkin dessert**

Entry Information Big Pumpkin	Rider #1	Rider #2
Rider's Name		
Horse's Name		
Rider's Year of Birth		
Street Address		
Town, State, Zip		
Are you a BSTR A member Yes/ No		
Are you bringing a trailer? Yes/ No		
Phone Number		
E-Mail Address		
Coggins # and date (with in a year)		



**Hunting Dates:** An informed rider is a safer rider. Listed below are the seasons for Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Most of the year we can ride on land that hunters use, now it is our turn to let them

enjoy themselves safely.

**Massachusetts: NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY**

Deer: Archery Zones 10-14 Oct. 2 to Nov. 26 Zones 1-

9 Oct. 16 to Nov. 25. Deer: Shotgun Nov. 27 to Dec. 9.

Deer: Muzzle Loader Dec. 11 to 30

Bear: Nov. 6 to 25 & Nov. 27 to Dec. 9.

**Connecticut: NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY**

Deer: Archery Sept. 15 to Dec. 31. Deer: Shotgun State

Lands: Nov. 15 to Dec. 5 Private Lands: Nov. 15 to Dec.

5 Deer: Muzzle Loader State Lands: Dec. 6-19. Private

Lands: Dec. 6-30.

**Rhode Island: HUNTING ALLOW ON SUNDAY**

Deer: Archery Sept. 15 to Jan. 31, 2024. Deer: Muzzle

Loader Nov. 4-26, Dec. 26 to Jan. 2, 2023

Deer: Shotgun Dec. 2-17. Dec. 26 to Jan. 2, 2024.

Rhode Island regulations require all other users of State Management Areas and designated undeveloped State Parks, including but not limited to: hikers, bikers, and horseback riders are required to wear two hundred (200) square inches of solid daylight fluorescent orange from the second Saturday in September to the last day of February (September 10, 2023 - February 28, 2024) and the third Saturday in April to the last day in May, annually (April 15, 2024 - May 31, 2024). During the shotgun deer season, five hundred (500) square inches are required to be worn by all users.

## *Tri-state land protection growing*

Burrillville RI — The state Department of Environmental Management will acquire more than 900 acres of land in town from the local Boy Scouts of America chapter for \$1.61 million, according to a purchase and sale agreement approved by the State Properties Committee.

The parcel on Buck Hill Road sits between the George Washington and Buck Hill Management areas and conservation land in Connecticut.

“Once acquired, it will result in a total contiguous protected area of over 7,000 acres,” DEM’s chief public affairs officer Michael Healey wrote in a statement to ecoRI News.

The land will be incorporated into the Buck Hill Management Area and managed by DEM’s Division of Fish and Wildlife for recreational purposes.

The property in RI abuts the Quaddick State Forest in CT. Now, if CT can purchase the remaining 278 acres of the Boy Scout property on their side, that would abut the bottom part of Quaddick State Forest and also tie into a parcel owned by Wyndham Land Trust with both those properties also abutting land owned by the state of CT on Quaddick Town Farm Road.

Plus Buck Hill Wildlife Management Area ties into the Douglas State Forest and the SNETT! **BK**



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**ANNUAL TURKEY TROT RIDE**

**November 5, 2023**

Myles Standish State Forest (Carver, Massachusetts)

**Sponsored by New England Drywall & From The Horses Mouth**

9:00 a.m. - Sign In

Ride your choice of 5,10, or 15 mile permanently marked trail loops. NEHT Affiliated

1:00 p.m. - Hunt for "turkeys" on horseback!

**Directions:** Rte **495S** towards Cape Cod, **Exit 2** Carver, go **left** at end of ramp. Stay straight until a **right** on Cranberry Road. **Left** at detour sign just before park ranger station. Take **left** at Equestrian Parking sign (dirt road), cross over bike path (paved) and take next **left**.

Pricing: BSTRA members \$20, Non-members \$25, Juniors 17 and under free.

Lunch included for those that pre-register. Deadline for pre-registration (postmarked) is **Oct. 31st.**

**On line is Nov. 1st.**

Post entries welcome, but lunch not included. Everyone must sign in upon arrival.

Please complete, cut and mail reservation form below, **postmarked no later than 10/30/23** with check payable to BSTRA, Inc.

Rose Zariczny, 216 Grand Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

(Information: 401-487-3190 or rzariczny@verizon.net )

Entry Information Turkey Trot	Rider #1	Rider #2
Rider's Name		
Horse's Name		
Rider's Year of Birth		
Street Address		
Town, State, Zip		
BSTRA member Yes or No		
Optional Trails Donation		
Phone Number		
E-Mail Address		
Coggins # and date (with in a year)		

## ***DCR access plan for Ware River Watershed Update***

Hi Becky,

I attended the DCR and Ware River Watershed Advisory Committee meeting last night (9/13). The final DCR plan was presented and was put on their website last night, effective immediately.

The overall goals of the plan were

- Improve Watershed Protection
- Maintain and enhance recreational opportunities
- Adjust past policies
- Meet DEP requirements for water supply.

This process was started in 2018. Ware River Watershed has allowed more public access than similar sites.

They have created a 1 KM intake buffer zone which will allow pedestrians only.


The modifications for equestrian use state that they have expanded the trail network by 17.6 miles and have shifted trails away from "sensitive" areas. I have not had a chance to download the new map and compare with the old. They stated that bikers and horses will use essentially the same trails.

DEP had wanted all group rides of 25 or more horses eliminated. Because of input from Barre Riding and Driving Club, DCR was able to make provisions for 2 such organized rides per year. This is 2 total, not 2 per organization. They stated that they looked back 15 years and the only requests for over 25 riders were the 2/year that Barre Riding & Driving sponsor. DCR must approve the route, will require manure to be removed, and the trails are subject to DCR inspection.

Debbie Carlson

To view the plan go to:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/ware-river-watershed-public-access-management-plan-update-2023/download>



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PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



## The Thompson Raceway Ride

**November 12, 2023**

The ride is mostly on private property which has parts of the former Thompson Raceway, located near, but not related in any way to the Speedway.

**Check in** 10 am **Length:** 5 to 7 miles, repeat for double miles. Rest assured, the route planned for this ride avoids deep mud!

NEHT Affiliated Hot lunch served after the ride.

**Location:** Baker Road, Thompson CT. From route 193S (coming from Massachusetts), take the sharp, hairpin left downhill onto East Thompson road, heading toward the Speedway.

After about 1/2 mile, take the first paved right onto Alm Road. If you pass the Speedway, you've gone too far. Follow Alm Road to the end. Take a left onto Baker Road. There will be a BSTRA sign to direct you to the left turn into the field. For GPS use: 165 Baker Road Thompson, CT. That will get you close. Watch for signs!

If you're coming from the Douglas end of East Thompson Road, please swing wide when you are taking that left onto Alm Road so you don't have any issues with your trailer.

**Registration fees:** \$20 for BSTRA members, \$25 for non-members, Juniors (17 and under) ride and eat free

**Registration deadline for lunch** Nov. 8th.


We are going to have people register for the ride so we have a head count. We want you to pay the day of the ride or pay online Nov. 9, 10, or 11th. That way we have an idea of what the weather is going to be, so if we have to cancel because of the weather we don't have to deal with refunds.

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**Crockpot dishes:** If you have a favorite crockpot dish, please bring it along. We will have a place to plug them in. For more information please contact Valerie at 508-864-8432 or Valerie.clark@snet.net

Raceway Ride	Rider #1	Rider #2
Rider's Name		
Horse's Name		
Rider's Year of Birth		
Street Address		
Town, State, Zip		
Phone Number		
Email Address		
Coggins # and Date (with in a year)		
Are you a BSTRA Member? Yes/No		





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## ***Air Line Trail Reconstruction & Accessibility Improvements***

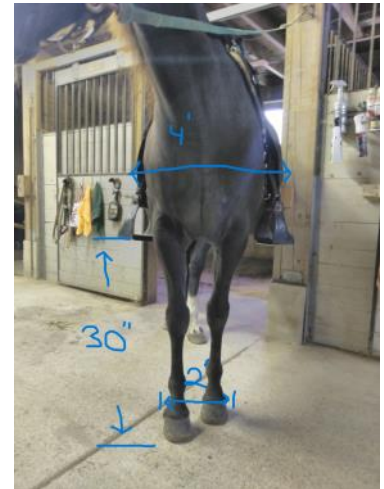
On Sept. 21st I attended the Zoom meeting hosted by the Pomfret Board of Selectmen for the presentation of this state project.

They presented the plan to improve 4.3 miles of the Air Line Trail in Pomfret & Putnam CT. (This is CT's end of the Southern New England Trunkline Trail). The project goes from the Route 44/169 bridge in Pomfret to the River Trail in Putnam and will be 12' wide with a 3.6 million estimated cost.

The project will be a natural surface and will allow horseback riding.

We had 14 days to submit comments. During the course of the presentation they mentioned installing bollards at the road crossing and that they would be 3' apart. I asked how high the bollards were and the presenter, Michael Joyce, stated 42". I told him I would get back to him as I didn't think that height and spacing were going to allow horseback riders to pass between them.

Thus my homework. I saddled up Shaylee (15 hands). From the bottom of her stirrup to the ground was 30". I took pictures and submitted that information to Michael Joyce to let him know the stated spacing and height was not going to let horseback riders pass through them. I did let him know that two granite pieces about 24" high with 18" to 22" between them would be perfectly fine for horses to pass through. Then I asked if any provisions were being made for those that drive their horses.




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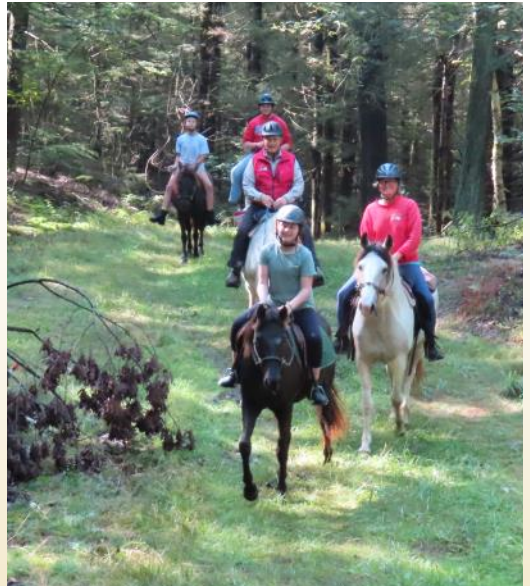
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## *Northfield Mt. Pleasure Ride sponsored by Gustafson Plumbers Inc.*

You have to love fall time riding. We had just a hint of foliage just starting to turn, sunshine and a cool day to play on the great trails at Northfield Mountain.

The trails were a bit “squishy” from the rain that we had recently (seems to be the theme this year). Imagine my surprise when I got to the top of the mountain to the observation deck. Fully expecting it to be full of water, not so. There was hardly any water in that side at all. It looked like a canyon. There was a husband and wife on the platform and they could see to the far left from their vantage point some equipment. I guess they were making some type of repairs.

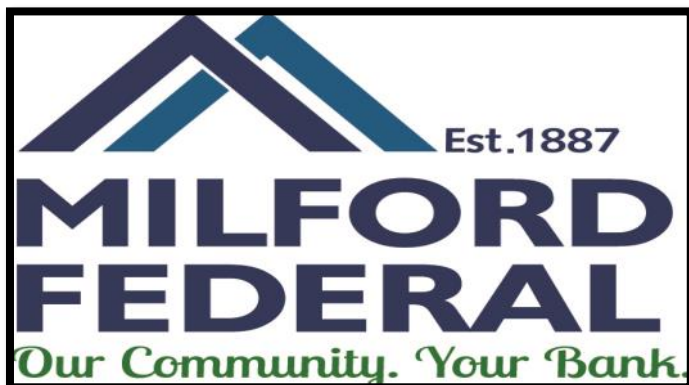


The Burnshirt Hills (aka Hatch Gang) where there with three juniors and had two horses on their first organized trail ride. The girls were great, they helped unload our supplies for lunch and bring it up into the building and also helped set up tables and chairs. After we

were done, they helped put the tables and chairs back with some help from Bob & Stephanie.

We had a pot luck lunch and I have to say that I am a fan of them. Autumn Squash soup, baked beans with maple chicken sausage, pinwheels, chips & dips, and loads of desserts!

Many thanks to Rose Zariczny & Sue Quirk for doing the registration and taking care of the food set up and clean up. It was very much appreciated. **BK**





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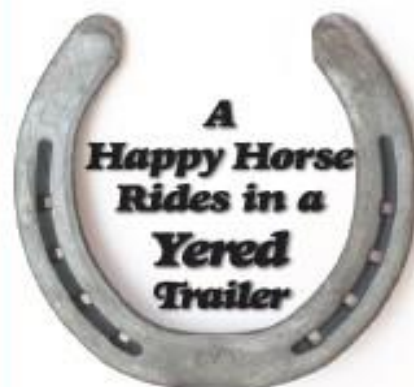
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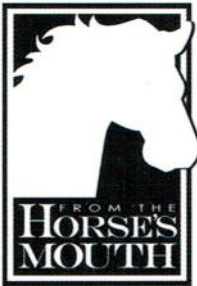



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