Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc.



The Bugle



October 2025

A Great Western-Themed Horseback Ride sponsored by Dean Bank

Experience the Spirit of the Old West on Horseback

Our adventure began at the ranch, aka, the CCC camp at Upton State Forest. Although Upton State Forest isn't exactly the Old West, our September 14th ride gave us the opportunity to dress up in our best

cowgirl and cowboy duds.

6 shooters Kathy Hatrick-Anderson, Jill Brag, Beth Story, Lisa Gagnon

Cowgirl Stacy Hayes

For 6.8 miles, 34 riders could imagine rid-

ing through open plains and dusty trails on their trusty steeds as they meandered through the forest. Our chuck wagon served up a variety of sandwiches and salads along with decadent desserts to satisfy hungry cowgirls and cowboys upon their return to the "ranch". You could hear the gentle sound of hooves as the horses munched on hay tied to their trailers.

After everyone chowed down, Suzanne announced the winners of our most authentic cowgirl/cowboy outfits.

The winners were Kathy Hatrick-Anderson, Jill Brag, Beth

Story, Lisa Gagnon, Anna-Maria Paul, Stacy Hayes and Debby Foley.

Cowgirl hats, chaps, kerchiefs and 6-shooters hanging off the hips completed the western look. And the Old West wouldn't be complete without a cow and an Indian.



As always, we want to recognize our "ranch hands" – Suzanne Nicholas our "trail boss", trail markers Anna-Maria Paul and Kathy Rich, Sue Perry and Rose Zariczny trailer

parking, Deb Deschene and Sue Quirk lunch & setup/take down, Karen Parlin raffle, trail unmarking team MaryEllen Coyne and Gloria Duhaime, Joyce Sandvik registration, and of course all those who donated desserts.

As the sun set lower in the afternoon sky, the horses were loaded and the trailers moved out heading home to their own New England Old West ranches. Fortunately, it was a law-abiding group and those 6-shooters stayed in their holsters, so the Sheriff didn't have to put anyone in the "hoosegow." Giddy Up! By Joyce Sandvik



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Tailgate Tack Sale

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Sponsored by: Liv Salon & Bob Clark Dog Training

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Greenbriar Recreation Area

Rt. 12 Oxford MA. GPS: 581 Main St., Oxford is house right by entrance.

Buy or Sell - New and Used Items, Come See your Friends & Support BSTRA

Sell your own items- Space Available-Reserve now

Space per single vehicle: \$10 members/\$15 non-members Truck/trailer space - \$15 member/\$20 non-members

Complete Reservation form and return with payment to: BSTRA, c/o Karen Parlin, 92 Old Westboro Road, North Grafton, MA 01536

NAME		 	
ADDRESS:		 	
TOWN, STATE. ZIP:		 	
PHONE:	EMAIL:		

You must provide your own table, chairs, canopy, etc.

* Space must be reserved and paid for in advance
 * You must take home what you don't sell

For more information: **Karen Parlin kpschip@aol.com** (774)-293-0051 or go to **BSTRA.Org**

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LeGrand Reynolds Horseman's Area



We successfully placed the site markers on July 24th. We raised enough funds to pay Danny Guerriero and his helper \$1200 to install all the site markers.

Funding for this project was all donated by organizations and individuals. Thank you to the following that made this project possible.

Organizations: Baystate trail Riders 250, Cross State Trail Ride 250, WHGA 245.15 (Venmo).

Individual (balance): Ann Marie Allaire, Teri Bullis, Maryellen Coyne, Gloria Duhaime, Laurie Grann, Jessica Morse, Lori Nero, Phil & Jane Rutledge, Dan Salvucci, Joyce Sandvik, Celeste Santos-Rivera, Ida & Ray Sweet, Diane Vaskas, and Ron Walker. *By Phil Rutledge*

A Picture-Perfect Day for the Fall Hunter Pace sponsored by Fidelity Bank

The 36th Annual Fall Hunter Pace, hosted by the Bay State Trail Riders Association, unfolded under flawless autumn skies—crisp air, falling leaves, and a course that invited riders to revel in the season. With 25 thoughtfully placed jumps and a well-marked route, participants enjoyed a scenic ride through DCR's Douglas State Forest, followed by a delicious catered lunch from Willow Brook and an irresistible spread of homemade desserts.

Though I didn't ride this year, I stationed myself along the SNETT near the stone arch bridge to photograph riders as they passed. What I didn't expect was how many other trail users joined in the fun—some quite literally!



One gentleman walking his dog paused near a low jump. I asked, "Does your dog jump?" He smiled and said yes—and sure enough, I captured a great photo of the pair sailing over the obstacle together. Later, while we were packing up the jumps, a father and his two sons came by. I jokingly apologized for removing the jump before they could try it. "No problem," the dad replied, "they already did the one behind us!" Clearly, the jumps had broad appeal.

A jogger approached next, and I couldn't resist calling out, "Take the jump—you know you want to!" He laughed and leapt over with a grin that said it all. Then came a man on an electric unicycle—my first sighting of one on the trail. I stopped him to let him know about the event and the horses ahead. He was well-versed in trail etiquette and continued on his way, a modern twist on multi-use trail harmony.

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Red Rail Farm Pleasure Ride



Bay State Trail Riders Association,

Oct. 19, 2025

Location: 22 Red Rail Farm Road, Lincoln MA

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

Price: BSTRA members: \$30 Non-Members: \$40

Meal Only: \$10

Juniors 17 and under ride free. If pre-registered meal

included.

Entry deadline for pre-entries is **Oct 15th.**Post entries welcome but meal is not included.

NEHT Affiliated 6+/- miles

Contact: Mary 845-264-2946 or marymariewood@gmail.com

Use this form to register or go to our website at www.bstra.org and register online.



Please make checks payable to BSTRA and mail to: Suzanne Nicholas, 96 Mountain Gate Road, Ashland MA 01721

Entry Information Red Farm	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)		

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This year marked a bittersweet milestone: longtime organizer Sharron Cochran announced that this would be her final year running the Hunter Pace. Her dedication over 36 years has shaped this event into a beloved tradition, and we are deeply grateful for her leadership.

We now present the winners of the Sue Brainard Memorial Fall Hunter Pace!

Hunter Division:

1st Sherry Perry, Abby Gervais 2nd Frank Whitney, Ann Degnan, Steph Tessier 3rd Mary Wood, Keleigh Holms

Hilltop Division:

1st Anna-Maria Paul, Crysanda Aloia 2nd Denise Kanakry, Laurie Casavant 3rd Ericka Cote, Perry Litchfield 4th tie Beth Morrison, Kelley Fayadh 4th tie Madeline Byrd, Lauren Jarem 5th Marissa Young, Jill Lemaire 6th Edward Nobrega Trail Blazer Division:

1st Karen

Harvey, Denise Leonard, Kerri Brooks

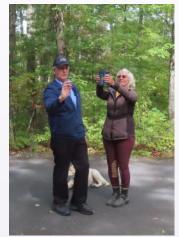
2nd MaryEllen Coyne, Gloria Duhaime, Deb Carlson

3rd Patricia Chauduri

4th Melanie Finkeldey 5th Stacey Bruneaux, Laura Runkle

6th Shawn & Taghi Haghighi





Thank you to our volunteers that without them this event would not have happened!

Bill Knott, Valerie Clark, Lisa Grigaitis, Becky Kalagher, Kelly Berthaiume, Katherine Petersson, Rita Ballou, Amanda Aubin, Sharron Cochran, Joyce Sandvik, Suzanne Nicholas, Rose Zariczny, Deb Deschenes, Sherry Perry, Denise Leonard, Kathy Budrow, David Maenzo, and Marcia Ferro.



We also extend heartfelt thanks to David Maenzo for his generous donation of door prizes. Every attendee was entered into a drawing, and six lucky winners took home



beautiful cedar bluebird nesting boxes and bags of bird seed. David's contribution added a special touch to an already memorable day, and BSTRA is truly appreciative.

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THE BIG PUMPKIN RIDE

RIDE DATE Sunday - October 26, 2025. 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: BSTRA Members \$30, Non-member \$40, 17 and under ride and eat free. Lunch only \$10

Lunch assured for those who register by Oct. 22nd.

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.



Costume attire is HIGHLY encouraged -after all the Big Pumpkin will be watching on this 7-10 mile route. Prizes for the scariest, funniest, most creative 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. jskanion@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 BSTRA.

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 BSTRA member Yes/ No		
Are you bringing a trailer? Yes/ No		
Phone Number		
E-Mail Address		
Coggins # and date (with in a year)		

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Mt. Jefferson Pleasure Ride sponsored by United Ag & Turf Northeast and Webster First Federal Credit Union

What a winning streak of weather we've had for our rides lately and the Mt. Jefferson Pleasure Ride was no exception. Under brilliant skies, riders from Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire gathered to enjoy a picture-perfect day on the trails.

A special shout-out goes to Bob Hatch and Stephanie Frend, who've been hard at work preparing a brand-new trail for this event. Their efforts paid off—every rider agreed it was a joy to ride. The trail, soon to be officially blazed and signed, will be named Moose Tracks. We suspect there's a story behind that name, and we're eager to hear it!

After the ride, we gathered under the shade of the old oak tree for a well-earned lunch. Giacomo's Gourmet Foods provided a delicious array of wraps—Vegan, Guido Pesto, Muffuletta, and Turkey (BAM)—while riders contributed a green salad, two pasta salads, and a tempting spread of desserts. The food was fantastic, the company even better, and the view from our lunch spot was

simply stunning.

There was plenty of laughter, especially over a couple of memorable t-shirts. One featured a clever design I managed to

snap a photo of. The other, worn by Ed, had us all chuckling—a series of white splats labeled with bird names: chickadee, cardinal, blue jay, and more. Turns out it was a bird poo ID chart!

With bellies full and horses rested, we all headed home with smiles and great memories. Huge thanks to Joyce Sandvik for handling registration, and to Bob Hatch and Stephanie Frend for marking the trails—on foot, no less! Thanks also to everyone who pitched in to make this ride such a success. **BK**





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ANNUAL TURKEY TROT RIDE

November 2, 2025

Myles Standish State Forest (Carver, Massachusetts)

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 \$35, Non-members \$45, Juniors 17 and under free.

Lunch included for those that pre-register. Deadline for pre-registration (postmarked) is Oct. 29th.

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 10/29/25 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)		

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Win a One-of-a-Kind Quilt & Support Local Trails!

Join us in preserving and enhancing our beloved trail network by entering our Quilt Raffle Fundraiser! This stunning 59" x 61" quilt—handcrafted and generously donated by longtime trail supporter *Kathy Rich*—is a true work of art, stitched with care and community spirit. Whether you're a rider, hiker, or nature enthusiast, this is your chance to take home a beautiful keepsake while helping fund vital trail improvements.

The winning ticket will be drawn on November 16th at the Thompson Raceway Ride. All proceeds go directly toward trail maintenance and access projects. Let's keep our trails safe, scenic, and open for all—one stitch at a time! Ticket Pricing: 1 Ticket – \$5, 3 Tickets – \$10, 10 Tickets – \$20, NEW: 20 Tickets – \$35!



Purchase online at www.bstra.org or mail in form below. Make check payable to BSTRA and mail to Karen Parlin, 92 Old Westboro Road, North Grafton MA 01536

NAME	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
How many tickets?	



The Thompson Raceway Ride

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.

November 16, 2025

Check in opens at 9 am Ride out at 9:30

Length: 5 to 7 miles, repeat for double miles.

NEHT Affiliated Hot lunch served after the ride.

Location: A field on 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: \$30 for BSTRA members, \$40 for non-members, Juniors (17 and under) ride free. Lunch included free is pre-registered.

Registration deadline for lunch Nov. 12th.

For more information please contact Valerie at 508-864-8432 or Valerie.clark@snet.net

Make checks payable to BSTRA and mail to Suzanne Nicholas, 96 Mountain Gate Road, Ashland MA 01721



Ride Sponsored by

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		

POULIN GRAIN PROGRAM

When you buy Poulin grain for your animals, make sure to tell the clerk that you are a BSTRA member. That's all you have to do! We get .25 for each bag you buy. The collected bag amounts are remitted to Poulin and they send us a check. Participating dealers: Mane Place (Uxbridge).

EXCESS PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

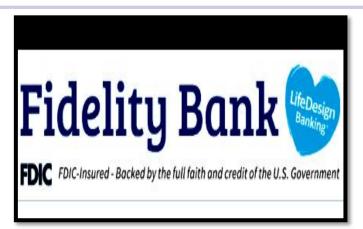
A \$1 million Excess Personal Liability Insurance policy is an optional member benefit. Become an individual or family member of BSTRA and choose this valuable protection. This service is provided by Equisure, Inc. in cooperation with BSTRA. This program is not a source

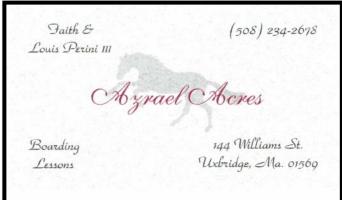
of revenue for BSTRA. Association Resource Group Purchasing Group (the Mater Policy holder) has arranged coverage with Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's London using Equisure Inc. as the agent. For details, please visit our website at www.bstra.org or email rzariczny@verizon.net



BSTRA CLOTHING

Please us this QR code to access our site to purchase BSTRA clothing. Or go to our website, click on the Support tab in the top header, then click on Merchandise Sales. There will be a link on that page





BSTRA Board meetings are usually on the first Thursday of the month. If you wish to attend one of our meetings, drop us an email and we will send you the meeting link.



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Classifieds

Free ads are for members and their items only. Please contact the editor for

advertising rates for non-member classified ads. Please submit your ad in writing (mail or e-mail) to the editor. Ads will only appear once unless you notify us to run it again. Ads must be

Saddle for Sale: Custom Circle Y. Older, but in great shape. The fully hand tooled saddle leather is a mahogany color. It is accented with a rope edge with silver lacing. The horn is braided rawhide with silver lacing. The gullet is 6-3/4" wide which is considered semi- quarter horse bars. Set up for double rigging. The sheepskin is really good. 15" seat. Floral engraved conchos and matching pieces on saddle. One of a kind saddle. \$1,000. Pictures available. Email Becky.BSTRA@protonmail.ch







Business Classifieds

Short Term/Vacation Boarding: Walking High Farm has two run in sheds with separate fencing available for your short term needs. Going on vacation? We can take care of your horse, or both if you have two of them. Please call Becky for details at 508-476-3960 or Becky.BSTRA@protonmail.ch

Horse Training, Horsemanship Lessons, Riding Lessons; Do you struggle with loading your horse onto the trailer? Want him to self-load? Need assistance with keeping your horse on the lunge line, overcoming stall or food aggression, catching a hard-to-catch horse, or improving your horse's whoa command? Enhance your relationship with your horse and develop new horsemanship and riding skills with our expert training. We offer versatile and liberty training, among other services, to help you and your horse achieve your goals. Call Cathie (508-479-5266) bobcatfarm.com and check us out on facebook @ Bobcat Farm

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"The Adventures of BB, the Wonder Pony" is an illustrated, first chapter children's book that will be enjoyed by readers of all ages. My Connemara Pony "BB" tells his life story in his own pony voice. BB talks about life as a foal, learning to be ridden, going to a variety of shows and having adventures with his big brother Cody. The illustrations are by a 12-year-old artist – really cute, on every few pages. You can contact me at sue.perry@charter.net to purchase a book, \$5.00 each plus shipping. You can also order the book on-line from Amazon at \$7.99.

Announcements

The "Painted Paint" oil painting donated by Betsey MacDonald was won by Kelly Shaw!



Congratulations to Frank Whitney and Ann Degnan who just got married.

Date (raindate)	Event/Location/Sponsor	Contact	Phone#	Email address
Oct. 5	Ride for Open Space Wyndham Land Trust			
Oct. 12	Tack Sale, Oxford MA	Karen	774-293-0051	kpschip@aol.com
	Ride sponsored by Liv Salon & Bob Clark Dog Tra	ıining		
Oct. 19*	Red Rail Farm Pleasure Ride, Lincoln MA	Mary	845-264-2946	marymariewood@gmai.com
	Ride sponsored by Yered Trailers			
Oct. 26*	Big Pumpkin Ride, Upton MA	Joyce	617-429-1319	bstra.org@gmail.com
	Ride sponsored by Fidelity Bank			
Nov. 2*	Turkey Trot, Carver MA	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
	Ride sponsored by Yered Trailers			
Nov. 16*	Thompson Raceway Ride, Thomson CT	Becky	508-476-3960	becky.bstra@protonmail.ch
	Ride sponsored by Unibank			

*NEHT affiliated rides

- 1. Unless otherwise noted, all rides start at 10 am and trail work days at 9 am
- 2. In case of questionable weather, call before leaving home. You will NOT be called if the event is cancelled.
- 3. Most rides require advance registration and payment to receive lunch.
- 4. Riders 17 years old and under, accompanied by a guardian, ride **free** (includes lunch if pre-registered). (May be exceptions on some rides)
- 5. Alcohol is prohibited on State property. No smoking allowed while riding.
- 6. A current Coggins within a year of the ride date is required.
- 7. Please leave the trails and parking areas better than you found them and be considerate of others! Clean up your hay & manure at all rides!
- 8. Year end awards require a member in good standing to have a minimum of 4 hours of volunteer time completed. Divisions: Pleasure, Competitive, Accumulative. Age as of January 1st: Junior (17 and under), Adult (18-64), Senior (65 or older).
 - For more Information, visit our website at www.bstra.org
- 9. PayPal payments for rides will no longer be transferred to another ride. Refunds will be made.









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c/o Joyce Sandvik 103 Ariel Circle Sutton, MA 01590

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We are on the web! www.bstra.org

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: email:
(# & street) (town/city) (state/zip)
Please check all that apply: Single \$25 [] Family \$35 [] Junior (17 and under) \$12 [] Individual Lifetime Membership \$400 [] Printed Bugle \$25 [] 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 <i>Community Horse</i> , <i>published Spring & Fall</i> , at no cost to me []
 I can help by volunteering for trail work days [] by sponsoring a trail ride (\$) [] Questions? rzariczny@verizon.net or 401-487-3190 by hosting/running a trail ride [] with other projects that might be needed [] Thank you for your support. Happy Trails! by serving on the Board of Directors [] Committee [] with