

# CROSS STATE TRAIL RIDE

## Winter 2024/2025 Newsletter



### The 2025 Rides



#### THE 33rd ANNUAL JUNE WEEKEND

THE JUNE RIDE WILL BE JUNE 19 to 22, 2025

Riders are welcome to enter the field on Thursday and rides are planned for  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday

LOCATION - MARSHFIELD VT

#### THE 56th AUGUST RIDE

THE AUGUST RIDE WILL BE HELD AUGUST 8 to 17, 2025

Riders are welcome to enter the field on Friday

LOCATION - HAWLEY, MA

BOTH RIDES WILL BE AFFILIATED WITH NEW ENGLAND HORSE & TRAIL

#### 2025 DATES

Annual Meeting  
March 8, 2025

SPRING RIDE  
JUNE 19-22, 2025

Entries due by  
TBD

AUGUST RIDE  
AUG 8-17, 2025

Entries due by  
TBD

OR FIRST 100  
HORSES



MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWALS  
DUE BY APR 1  
DUES ARE  
\$35 PER ADULT  
AND \$10 PER  
JUNIOR  
SEE MEMBERSHIP  
FORM FOR DETAILS

# 2024 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

## CSTR OFFICERS

Term of Office 2022-2024

### Acting President

Jenn Omasta 978-766-6127  
33 Turkey Hill Rd  
West Newbury, MA 01985

### Vice-President

Position Vacant

### Recording Secretary

Nancy Creswell  
802-793-6870

### Corresponding Secretary

Loretta Vincz 317-775-0294

[CrossStateTrailRiders@gmail.com](mailto:CrossStateTrailRiders@gmail.com)

### Treasurer

Patricia Darmofal 508-641-0612  
12 Kelly St Haverhill, MA 01832

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

-----Permanent

Patricia Darmofal  
Karen Desroches  
Larry Marshall  
Margo Petracone  
Kathy Tobey  
Marianne Wojcicki  
**Term BOD Members 2022 - 2029**

Molly Lister  
Jennifer Omasta  
**Term BOD Members 2024 - 2031**

Jim Singiser  
Diane Sullivan Gryncewicz

-----Immediate Past President

Ed McNamara

## NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

Pat Darmofal 508-641-0612  
[patdarmofal@msn.com](mailto:patdarmofal@msn.com)

## WHERE TO GO FOR INFO

### For CSTR Memberships

Loretta Vincz 317-775-0294

[CrossStateTrailRiders@gmail.com](mailto:CrossStateTrailRiders@gmail.com)

Mail membership forms  
c/o Pat Darmofal, Treasurer

12 Kelly St. Haverhill, MA 01832

### For Ride Information

Jenn Omasta 978-766-6127

[omastafamily@yahoo.com](mailto:omastafamily@yahoo.com)

### For checks or payments

Patricia Darmofal

[patdarmofal@msn.com](mailto:patdarmofal@msn.com)

12 Kelly St., Haverhill, MA 01832

### Sharing and Caring

Margaret Drummond

[cdrummond221@comcast.net](mailto:cdrummond221@comcast.net)



## NEW MEMBERS!

The Board of Directors has reviewed and accepted new memberships for

Kimberly Bent

Julianna Tyson



## NEW MEMBER APPLICATION PROCESS

We have a new application process in place.

Membership applications will be accepted throughout the year. Applications can be made by applying online through our new form on the link below.



## Deadlines to Remember

- Education Assistance Fund – Sept 1
- Spring ride entries by June TBD
- August ride entries by TBD
- August ride cancellation deadline TBD
- Membership renewals due by April 1st

# ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 8, 2025

## THE 2025 CSTR ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET

BOD Meeting  
2:00 pm

Cocktails  
4:00 pm–5:00 pm

General Membership Meeting  
5:00 pm–6:00 pm

Meal  
Begins at 6:00 pm

SATURDAY,  
MARCH 8, 2025



BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WILL **MEET AT 2:00 PM**

The annual meeting and dinner will be hosted at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA  
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE MEAL

**Cocktails 4—5 pm**

**General Membership Meeting 5:00 to 6:00 pm**  
**Members may attend the Meeting without attending the dinner**

**Meal will be served from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**SNOW CALLS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE**

**[WWW.CSTRONLINE.COM](http://WWW.CSTRONLINE.COM)**

**QUESTIONS ?? – CALL**

**MARGO PETRACONE**

**978-621-9812**

**[Westwindfm@aol.com](mailto:Westwindfm@aol.com)**

**NON MEMBER FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO THIS FUNCTION**



CSTR 20245 Annual Meeting - March 8, 20245  
Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center  
366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566 - 508-347-7393  
We have a block of 25 rooms reserved at a room rate of \$119 double  
When calling to reserve a room, mention CSTR to get the group rate. Please call the hotel directly.  
<http://www.sturbridgehosthotel.com/> <https://goo.gl/maps/EYQiT7VJ9ps>



## CSTR ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER MARCH 8, 2025

Seating begins at 6:00 pm

Reservations Required for Dinner

**Deadline: February 28, 2025**

Note that the meeting may be attended at 5 pm without reserving a meal.

**We will be doing a 50/50 raffle this year to benefit the Education Fund**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please check Meal choice

**Turkey** # Adult \_\_\_\_ @ \$42.50 ea = \_\_\_\_\_ # Junior \_\_\_\_ @ \$32.50 ea = \_\_\_\_\_ Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Haddock** # Adult \_\_\_\_ @ \$42.50 ea = \_\_\_\_\_ # Junior \_\_\_\_ @ \$32.50 ea = \_\_\_\_\_ Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

American Breakfast the morning after # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(includes a full Breakfast Buffet gratuity & Tax included)

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return meal reservation form to MARGO PETRACONE, 600 WEST STREET, BARRE, MA 01005

Make checks payable to CROSS STATE TRAIL RIDE INC.

In place of the vegetarian choice, please let us know in advance if you have a specific dietary requirement that is medically necessary.



## CSTR EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND

FORMS POSTED  
ON THE WEBSITE

Education Assistance is available to CSTR members. The assistance program is funded with proceeds from our open pleasure ride held in June each year. We offering education assistance to all junior members, whether or not they have participated in a CSTR ride, as long as they carry a full course load. Assistance will also be offered to adult CSTR members who are furthering their education and following an accredited course.



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### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Recipient must be a current member of CSTR.
2. Recipient shall receive \$300.00 per year for college or other further education beyond high school.
3. Recipient shall be required to complete a scholarship application each year to receive any additional scholarship awards.
4. Additional scholarship awards beyond the first year shall depend upon recipient maintaining passing grades.
5. All scholarship awards shall depend upon funds available.
6. Completed applications must be mailed by September 1

Contact for  
Education Assistance  
Fund  
Ed McNamara  
15 Rowley Hill Rd.  
Sterling MA 01564

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Applications for Education Assistance can be obtained by contacting Ed McNamara  
15 Rowley Hill Rd., Sterling, MA 01564 508-612-7704



The Sharing and Caring Committee is responsible for responding to reports of serious illness or deaths among CSTR members. Report any such happenings to

Margaret Drummond - contact her at [cdrummond221@comcast.net](mailto:cdrummond221@comcast.net)

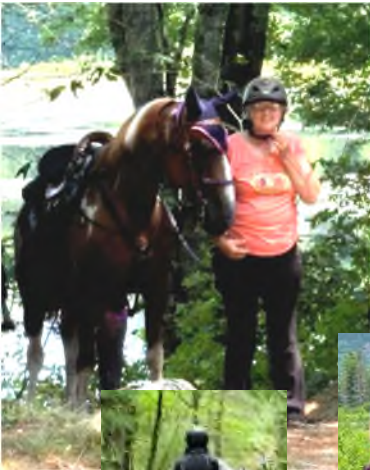
A better response can be made if you notify her immediately.  
Our membership is spread all over New England and beyond, which makes it hard for one person to keep track.







CSTR participated in two outside events this year. TOPSFIELD EQUINE EXPO where we also presented a clinic on horse camping and; EQUESTRIAN YARD SALE held by the RI Federation of Horse Clubs and the RI SPCA







## COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Members did a great job of making sure that ride entries arrived on time with all the necessary paperwork. That helped immensely in making the ride go smoothly for all of our hardworking volunteer workers

We also had a lot of support from members in “working” the rides, from trail marking to all the little things that need to be done. Everyone contributed in

some way to the work.

Loretta, our hardworking Recording Secretary will be making an address change for the first few months of this year so we are asking that dues and membership forms be forwarded instead to the CSTR Treasurer, Pat Darmofal at 12 Kelly Street, Haverhill MA 01832 until Loretta gets settled.

We are always looking for new places to camp and ride. The officers and BOD are available to help with logistics and ground work. Needed is a camp field adjacent to a trail system and the help of people who know the available trails.

And we are looking for new members, so tap into your friends and let them know we are looking.

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## The 2024 Rides would not have been possible without the work of members.

### ***June Ride Thanks!!***

The June Ride as held in Marshfield VT at Hidden Acres Farm, a private campground owned by Helen Hipp. The weather did not treat us well but in spite of the rain, riders got in some trail time on Friday and Saturday. The trails were in the adjacent Groton State Forest and were stunning. Helen was an exceptionally welcoming hostess which made the whole event wonderful. Co-Managers Jean Lukens, Nancy Creswell and Larry Marshall did a great job at a new location for our June ride. Everything worked out so well, we decided to repeat the location for 2025 and add another day of riding. We will be welcoming riders in on Thursday, and providing trails on Friday through Sunday so everyone can see this great space.

### ***The August Ride Thanks!!***

The August Ride was held in Rhode Island at the LeGrand Reynolds Horsemen’s Campground. The RI Federation of Horse Clubs has done a great job of rescuing and improving this area for horse camping. Charlie (Ellen) Williams and Diane (Sullivan) Grynecwicz did a herculean job of mapping out trails for the August ride. Their attention to detail was amazing. They managed to use a good mix of trails, some we had not use in a while. Many members stepped up to help with the marking of the trails.



OF COURSE, there are the unsung heroes that make the rides go smoothly.

They are the ones that distribute the hay, accompany Melissa on the water runs, pick up trash, act as meal servers, take photos and post them and do a myriad of small chores. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

What can we say about MELISSA!

She is up early making sure our horses have plenty of water! She shows up on the trail bringing much needed lunch for riders and water for horses. Always smiling even when the weather is not. We are not sure what we would do without her.



## CSTR OFFICER ELECTIONS

The election committee reached out to you last month for nominations or volunteers to run for office for the next 3-year term on the board. We had no responses.

Fortunately, the current board members have graciously agreed to stay on for the next 3 year. Members of the board

suggested that Gary Omasta, a past president, step into the position of vice-president as this position was currently empty. Gary has agreed to do so. Thanks Gary.

I hope you will all take the time to vote on February 16<sup>th</sup> -28th and show your support for these members who are out there making sure you have a great ride.

An online voting form will be forwarded to members

Happy Holidays to all and we look forward to seeing you in March at the annual meeting in Sturbridge.

Election Committee

Kathy Tobey

Pat Darmofal

Loretta Vincz

Molly Lister

Joan Ballas

Nancy Creswell

## OUTSIDE EVENTS FOR CSTR

To get our message out there about what we have to offer, we participated in two outside events:

*TOPSFIELD EQUINE EXPO* in April. The Essex County Trail Association hosted the Equine Expo & Paraphernalia Sale in the Arena. There was a large vendor marketplace selling new & used items plus services for the horse, rider, and driver. CSTR had a table there and presented a clinic on camping with horses that was well received. Working the event were Jenn, Gary and Laurel Omasta, Pat Darmofal. Joan Ballas, Kathy Tobey and Marianne Wojcicki



*EQUESTRIAN YARD SALE* a joint effort by the RI Federation of Horse Clubs and the RI SPCA was worked by Charlie Williams and Diane Gryniewicz

## AUGUST WELCOME PARTY

Decorating committee for the welcome party were Larry Marshall, Margo Petracone, Colleen Melanson, Edee McNamara, Jane Lynds, Charlie Williamson, Lynne Goodnow and Marianne Wojcicki.

# 2025 CSTR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

THERE WILL BE A DROP BOX AT THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR RENEWALS. THEY CAN ALSO BE MAILED TO THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Dues can also be paid on PAYPAL available on our website at [Cross State Trail Ride, Inc \(cstronline.com\)](http://CROSS STATE TRAIL RIDE, INC (CSTRONLINE.COM))

Dues must be paid by April 1, 2025 to maintain your membership. Checks for 2025 dues will not be deposited until after March 1st, 2024.

MAIL DUES AND ADDRESS CHANGES TO:

LORETTA VINCZ, c/o PAT DARMOFAL, CSTR TREASURER 12 KELLY ST., HAVERHILL, MA 01832

- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Memberships = 18 years of age and over with voting rights..... \$35.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Membership = under 18 years of age with no voting rights..... \$10.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Individual option:* Individuals to age 22 continuing their education will be considered Junior Memberships \$10.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership = Inactive members who want to keep abreast of CSTR news through newsletters and Facebook, does not include voting rights or ride privileges.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Membership - Ten times the annual membership fee - currently \$350.00

Total amount of dues enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

NAME	NAME
MAILING ADDRESS (STREET/CITY/ZIP)	MAILING ADDRESS (STREET/CITY/ZIP)
EMAIL	EMAIL
HOME PHONE	HOME PHONE
CELL PHONE	CELL PHONE

The Cross State Website at [www.cstronline.com](http://www.cstronline.com) will be your source for newsletter and general information.

Newsletters will be sent in .pdf format to your e-mail address. If you do not have access to the internet, please check below to receive your newsletters by postal mail.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if this is updated contact information      \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you need your newsletter by postal mail

