

CROSS STATE TRAIL RIDE

Fall - Winter 2020/2021

Newsletter



The 2021 Rides—We are planning on holding rides in 2021!

JUNE 26 & 27, 2021

Aug 7 - 15, 2021

Hubbardston is on the calendar for the June ride. Ed & Edee McNamara have offered to chair the ride and plans are proceeding. Ride date is June 26 & 27, 2021 and we are planning a short ride on Friday the 25th. We plan a pizza party on Friday night. If you can help with trails or anything else for the ride, contact Ed & Edee at emcnamara@cmemsc.org

We continue to seek great locations for our June ride so if anyone has another location to offer, please contact one of the officers. We need at least a 10 acre field, good entrance and access to a trail system with a day and a half of trails at least.

THE 52nd AUGUST RIDE

We are targeting Andover Maine for the ride in 2021. Sarah Varney has volunteered to chair the ride.

If you can be of help in the Maine location, please contact Sarah at sarah.e.varney@gmail.com

If you know of other locations that would work in the future, we need at least a 10 to 15 acre field, as flat as possible, with a good entrance and access to at least 4 days of riding

2021 DATES

Annual Meeting
February 6th, 2021.
The meeting will be
virtual
Complete information
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SPRING RIDE
JUNE 26 & 27, 2021
Entries due by
June 21, 2021

AUGUST RIDE
AUG 7—15, 2021
Entries due by June
30th OR FIRST 100
HORSES

MEMBERSHIP
RENEWALS
DUE BY APR 1
INDIVIDUAL IS
\$ 35.00
FAMILY IS
\$45.00



Happy Holidays

2020 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

CSTR OFFICERS

President

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Corresponding Secretary

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Treasurer

Patricia Darmofal 508-641-0612
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

-----Permanent

Patricia Darmofal
Karen Desroches
Larry Marshall
Mary McKenney
Margo Petracone
Karen Reardon
Butch Sinclair
Kathy Tobey
Ron Walker
Marianne Wojcicki

-----Immediate Past President

Ron Walker 401-829-6851

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

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WHERE TO GO FOR INFO

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For Ride Information

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**CSTR did not receive any new member applications
for 2021**

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION PROCESS

Anyone wishing to apply for membership in CSTR must first attend an approved weekend camping ride attended by a current CSTR member. Application must then be made and submitted FROM September 1, to September 30. A recommendation from a current CSTR member must be submitted under separate cover. A formal application form is available on our website at www.cstronline.com and must be used. Applications will be reviewed in October and the CSTR BOD, at their November meeting, will make a decision. A maximum of 10 new members may be admitted each year at the sole discretion of the CSTR BOD. Anyone accepted for membership shall become full members of CSTR.

Contact is Karen Wood, 180 Main Street, Atkinson, NH 03038. Applications must be postal mailed or e-mailed to crosstatetrailriders@gmail.com



Dates to Remember

- Education Assistance Fund – Sept 1
- Spring ride entries by June 21st
- August ride entries by June 30th
- August ride cancellation deadline for full rebate by July 15th
- Membership renewals due by April 1st

THE 2021 CSTR
ANNUAL
MEETING
VIRTUAL
EDITION

BOD Meeting
4:00 pm

General
Membership
Meeting
6:00 pm

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING & ONLINE OFFICER VOTING SATURDAY FEB 6, 2021

This year's Annual Meeting will be held virtually. In the week before the meeting we will forward everyone a link to a ZOOM meeting and instructions on how to log on. You can use your smart phone, your tablet or your desktop computer. Zoom will work better if you take time beforehand to download the program. The download can be accessed through Google Play or off the Zoom website. If you have trouble with Zoom, contact Sarah Varney sarah.e.varney@gmail.com

Officer voting will be held via an online voting form. For those who do not have internet access, we will also forward a paper ballot together with a paper newsletter.

If anyone thinks they will have trouble with the online voting process, please contact Loretta Vincz at crosstatetrailriders@gmail.com

LINK TO ONLINE VOTING FORM - [CLICK HERE >>>](#)

CSTR EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND

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 are now offering education assistance to all junior family 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.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Recipient must be a current member of CSTR.
2. Recipient shall receive financial support, in an amount to be determined, 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

FORMS POSTED
ON THE WEBSITE



Applications for Education Assistance can be obtained by contacting Mary McKenney at 978-774-1495 - or -
E-mail to crosstatetrailriders@gmail.com - please forward the completed assistance form to the email address

Sunshine Notices



The Sunshine Committee is responsible for responding to reports of serious illness or deaths among CSTR members.

A better response can be made if you notify the committee immediately.

Our membership is spread all over New England and beyond, which makes it hard for one person to keep track.

Contact the sunshine committee
crosstatetrailriders@gmail.com

Notes from the Executive Board:



This year was definitely one for the books in more ways than one. Our August ride was a virtual one, our annual meeting will be virtual and voting will be virtual.

The pandemic also spurred another change. We are setting up a PayPal account for the payment of dues which should be in place by the end of January on our website. We will let you know when that is functional. If it works out well, we should also be able to use it for June and August ride fees, so stay tuned.

Ed and Edee McNamara are working on the June ride in Hubbardston MA and Sarah Varney is tackling the setup of the August ride in Andover Maine.

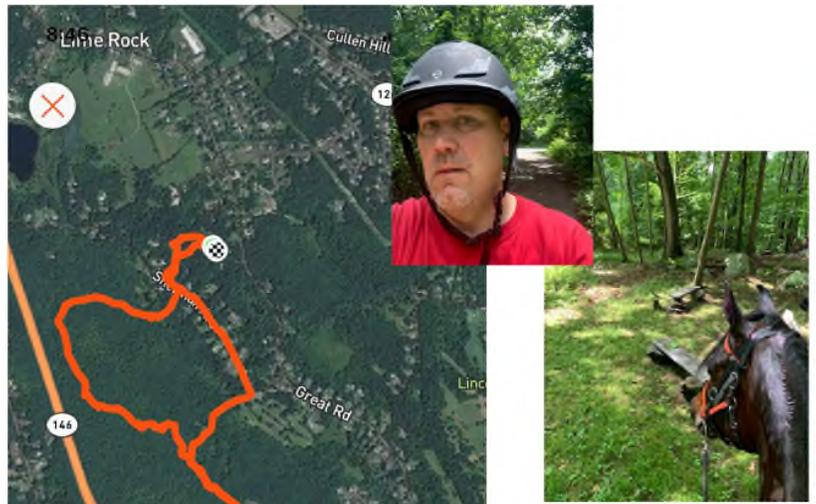
With the vaccine beginning to roll out it looks like the end of the pandemic may be in sight, but we urge our members to act responsibly and continue to wear a mask, socially distance, sanitize and wash your hands frequently and stay healthy and safe.

See you on the trail this year!

Notes about the 2020 Virtual Ride

Hello Everyone!!

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's first, and hopefully, last virtual ride. The year 2020 was hard on the entire country, and the sadness and reality of Covid has not been easy. All of us in the equine community have been blessed to be able to continue our sport of riding, or just sharing time with our trusty steeds. We were also very lucky that equestrian sports were considered low-risk during this pandemic, so again, we lucked out by being able to safely social distance with our friends and family members while riding.



It was exciting that a total of 45 participants complete the virtual ride. Thank you all for participating and sending in pictures and ride mileage so we could track and have fun with some awards. All of the awards will be announced during our February virtual meeting.

I would also like to take time to thank Butch Sinclair for designing the patches, Laura Delany for designing our shirts, and a huge shout out to the Omasta Family for managing all the photos and mileage sheets.

Once again we have shown that the Cross State family sticks together through everything, including a pandemic!

Yours truly,

Ron Walker
Virtual Ride Manager
Immediate Past President

Additional Virtual Ride T shirts are available by contacting Ron Walker at rmwrocks@gmail.com or call 401-829-6851

2021 CSTR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Dues must be paid by April 1, 2021 or you will forfeit your membership.

2021 dues will not be deposited until after March 1st, 2021. Dues can be paid several ways:

1. MAIL DUES AND ADDRESS CHANGES TO:

LORETTA VINCZ, 2171 Dog Kennel Rd, Sarasota, FL 34240

2. Pay through PayPal—There will be a link on the website for payment of dues through PayPal. This link should be set up by the end of January.

NAME _____

E-MAIL _____ (Please print clearly)

ADDRESS _____

_____ Zip code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Do you accept messages by text? _____ Membership type _____ family (\$45) or _____ individual (\$35)

_____ Check here if this is updated contact information

List the names of all Family Members & ages of juniors includes children under 18 (or under 21 if in school)
Juniors who are past this age must convert to an individual membership.

The Cross State Website at 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.

_____ I do not have access to the Internet - Please continue to forward my information by postal mail.

Members, if you know a CSTR member that does not have internet access and doesn't know that they can receive a postal mail newsletter, let them know that they can contact a BOD member and they will be added to the list for postal mail.

2021 CSTR OFFICER MAIL-IN BALLOT

NAME OF CSTR MEMBER SUBMITTING BALLOT _____

President

_____ Ed McNamara

Vice-president

_____ Jenn Omasta

Corresponding Secretary

_____ Loretta Vincz

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Treasurer

_____ Patricia Darmofal

The Cross State Trail Ride, Inc., Nominating Committee is pleased to present a Slate of Officers for 2021. 'Write-in' candidates and votes will be accepted for the Officers. Make certain that your write in candidate has agreed to serve if elected. This form is for those who do not have access to the internet to complete the form virtually. Family memberships are entitled to two votes. Individual memberships (18 years and older) receive one vote.

MAIL IN BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FEB. 1, 2021 Ballot envelopes must be marked "ELECTIONS" and be MAILED TO: **BILL KNOTT, P. O. BOX 783, UPTON, MA 01568**

The link for online voting is on page 3.



Cross State jackets and vests are available at

<http://1ststringstore.com/cstr>