

CROSS STATE TRAIL RIDE

Winter 2023/2024 Newsletter



The 2024 Rides



THE 32nd ANNUAL JUNE WEEKEND
PENDING PERMITS, THE JUNE RIDE WILL BE JUNE 22 & 23, 2024
THE LOCATION IS ALSO PENDING

THE 55th AUGUST RIDE
PENDING PERMITS, THE AUGUST RIDE WILL BE AUGUST 3 TO 11, 2024
WE ARE AWAITING PERMITS FOR LeGRAND REYNOLDS HORSEMENS AREA
ESCOHEAG, RI

We will have everything tied down by the March Annual Meeting
If we get confirmations sooner, we will let you know.

2024 DATES

Annual Meeting
March 9, 2024

SPRING RIDE
JUNE , 2024
Entries due by
TBD

AUGUST RIDE
AUG, 2024
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

CSTR OFFICERS

Term of Office 2022-2024

President

Ed McNamara 508-612-7704
156 Rowley Hill Rd.,
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Vice-President

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33 Turkey Hill Rd
West Newbury, MA 01985

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Loretta Vincz 317-775-0294
12982 Thurmond Way,
Carmel, IN 46074

Treasurer

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

2024 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Permanent

Patricia Darmofal
Karen Desroches
Larry Marshall
Mary McKenney - Retired
Margo Petracone
Butch Sinclair - Retired
Kathy Tobey
Marianne Wojcicki
Term BOD Members 2022 - 2029
Molly Lister
Jennifer Omasta

Immediate Past President

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

Pat Darmofal 508-641-0612
patdarmofal@msn.com

WHERE TO GO FOR INFO

For CSTR Memberships

Loretta Vincz 317-775-0294
CrossStateTrailRiders@gmail.com

12982 Thurmond Way,
Carmel, IN 46074

For Ride Information

Ed McNamara
Ed.mcnamara@comcast.net

For checks or payments

Patricia Darmofal
patdarmofal@msn.com
12 Kelly St., Haverhill, MA 01832

Sharing and Caring

Margaret Drummond
cdrummond221@comcast.net



NEW MEMBERS!

The Board of Directors has reviewed and accepted new memberships for

Loren Hilgenhurst Stevens

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

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.

<https://forms.gle/TWSbDFzjzLZAdSTP8>



ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 9, 2024—NOTE DATE CHANGE

THE 2024 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 9, 2024



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

**QUESTIONS ?? -- CALL MARGO
PETRACONE**

978-621-9812

Westwindfm@aol.com

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

*Reservations
Required*

CSTR 2024 Annual Meeting - March 9, 2024

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 9, 2024

Seating begins at 6:00 pm

Reservations Required for Dinner

Deadline: February 28, 2024

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 ____ @ \$40 ea = _____ # Junior ____ @ \$30 ea = _____ Total = \$ _____

Haddock # Adult ____ @ \$40 ea = _____ # Junior ____ @ \$30 ea = _____ Total = \$ _____

American Breakfast the morning after # _____ @ \$21.00 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

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.

FORMS POSTED
ON THE WEBSITE



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

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

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

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.







A sad goodbye We lost two long time members during 2023.

Judy Lorimer had not ridden in a couple of years but many of our members will remember her. An avid, accomplished and knowledgeable equestrian, she was always there with help and advise for anyone who needed it.

Roger Williams, known as Roger Rabbit, he was a fixture on the rides, both at CSTR and throughout NE. As a rider and as a camp helper, you could always depend on him to be there for whatever was needed.



The 2023 Rides would not have been possible without the work of some of our members.

June Ride Thanks!!

The June Ride as held in Perkinsville VT on property under the control of the Army Corp of Engineers at the Springfield Lake Dam Project. Ride Managers were Kathy and Allen Tobey. Allen and Kathy would like to thank the members that helped pick up ribbons and particularly Harris and Connie who stayed to help pick up horse poop on the Dam loop after the ride on Sunday afternoon.

The August Ride Thanks!!

The August Ride was held in Savoy MA using trails within the Savoy State Forest. Ride Managers were Gary and Laurel Omasta, able assisted by Coltin and Jen Omasta, Joan Ballas, Jim Singiser, Jean Lukens, Charlie Williams, Molly Lister, Margo Petracone and Larry Marshall, Kathy and Allen Tobey, with assistance from the Omasta tractor. Kudos to them all for putting together a ride that had a lot of unexpected hitches and changes due to the weather.



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 and do a myriad of small chores. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

Then we have MELISSA!

Always smiling, always happy. She delivers fresh water to the horses in the field and lunch to the riders on the trail (and some water for the horses at snack stop too). All that and running small errands too!



CSTR BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

We have 2 openings for the Board of Directors (BOD). New BOD members serve for a period of 8 years. The BOD is required by the CSTR Bylaws to provide you with at least 3 names to fill these 2 slots. The two names with the most votes will be elected. Below, the Election Committee explains the process and guidelines for becoming a member of the BOD. If you have questions, please send

an email to cstrbod@gmail.com. You may also contact any BOD member.

Election Committee: Pat Darmofal, Loretta Vincz, Kathy Tobey, Molly Lister, and Nancy Creswell

Nomination Process

The nomination period is set for **January 12th through 19th, 2024**. All nominations (including volunteers) to be considered for a Board seat must be presented to the Election committee during this period.

As of this newsletter, the nomination process has been completed.

Election Process

- We will vote electronically.
- In 2024, members who still receive CSTR newsletters by mail will be able to vote by mail.
- Voting will be open from **February 14th to the 21st, 2024**. Mailed in votes must be postmarked no later than **February 21st, 2024**.
- There will be no write-in options on the ballots, as candidates must agree to requirements before being considered.

Short bios for the nominees will be sent to members in a separate newsletter.

AFTER YEARS OF SERVICE, TWO LONG TIME MEMBERS OF THE CSTR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE STEPPING DOWN.

MARY McKENNEY

Mary's CSTR life dates back to the beginning of CSTR. She has been Ride Chair, President, Vice President and BOD member.

Mary has always been ready to help with whatever needed to be done to support the club, all with a smile and a little laughter

CSTR is a family affair for her. She brought along her daughter Jen and her grandchildren Laurel and Coltin and imbued them with her enthusiasm for CSTR



BUTCH SINCLAIR

Butch has been a member of CSTR since 1982. As a member of the North Shore Horsmen's Association he was introduced to CSTR by Charlie Miller

He's been a ride chairman and has served an integral role in putting on many rides. Butch has served a valuable role as a member of the CSTR Board of Directors for many years.

Butch has been a counselor and friend to many through the years.



CSTR DEADLINES

FOR JUNE – SPRING RIDE

CSTR will be providing toilets and a dumpster. The number of toilets required is dependent on the number of participants. CSTR will also be contracting with a caterer and final meal numbers must be given to the caterer 7 days before the start date of the ride. We are bound to the caterer contract.

Entries and full payment and paperwork must be **received** 7 days before ride start date.

Cancellations received before the 7 days entry date will be refunded less a \$30 cancellation fee. Cancellation reasons include illness or injury of horse or rider, or a death in the family. A doctor and/or vet note is required for illness or injury.

Post entries will be allowed after the 7 days with a \$50 post entry fee but all ride and post entry fees and paperwork must be received no later than 3 days before the ride date.

FOR AUGUST RIDE

CSTR will be providing toilets, a dumpster and horse hay. The number of toilets and amount of horse hay required is dependent on the number of participants. CSTR will also be contracting with a caterer and final meal numbers must be given to the caterer before the start date of the ride. We are bound to the caterer contract.

Entries and full payment and paperwork must be **received** 15 days before ride start date.

Cancellations received before the 15 days entry date will be refunded less a \$50 cancellation fee. Cancellation reasons include illness or injury of horse or rider, or a death in the family. A doctor and/or vet note is required for illness or injury.

Post entries will be allowed between 15 days and 2 days before the ride date, with a \$50 post entry fee. All post entry forms, ride fees and post entry fees and other paperwork must be received no later than 2 days before the ride date.

2024 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, 2024 to maintain your membership. Checks for 2024 dues will not be deposited until after March 1st, 2024.

MAIL DUES AND ADDRESS CHANGES TO:

LORETTA VINCZ, 12982 Thurmond Way, Carmel, IN 46074

- _____ 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

Total amount of dues enclosed \$ _____

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.

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

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