

# CROSS STATE TRAIL RIDE

Winter 2025/2026

## Newsletter



### The 2026 Rides



#### 2026 DATES

Annual Meeting  
March 14, 2026

SPRING RIDE  
JUNE 12-14, 2026  
Entries due by  
TBD

AUGUST RIDE  
AUG 8-16, 2026  
Entries due by  
TBD  
OR FIRST 100  
HORSES

#### THE 34rd ANNUAL JUNE WEEKEND

THE JUNE RIDE WILL BE JUNE 12 to 14, 2026

Riders are welcome to enter the field on Friday and rides are planned for  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
LOCATION - MYLES STANDISH STATE FOREST, MA

#### THE 57th AUGUST RIDE

THE AUGUST RIDE WILL BE HELD AUGUST 8 to 16, 2026

Riders are welcome to enter the field on Friday  
LOCATION - LeGRAND REYNOLDS HORSEMENS AREA, RI

BOTH RIDES WILL BE AFFILIATED WITH NEW ENGLAND HORSE & TRAIL



MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWALS  
DUE BY APR 1  
DUES ARE  
\$35 PER ADULT  
AND \$10 PER  
JUNIOR  
SEE PAGE 8 FOR  
DETAILS  
OR ONLINE  
[CSTRONLINE.COM/  
MEMBERSHIP](http://CSTRONLINE.COM/MEMBERSHIP)

# 2025 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

## CSTR OFFICERS

Term of Office 2025-2027

Acting President

Jenn Omasta 978-766-6127

Vice-President

Gary Omasta 978-766-6127

Recording Secretary

Nancy Creswell  
802-793-6870

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

Treasurer

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



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

-----Permanent

Patricia Darmofal

Karen Desroches—Retiring

Larry Marshall

Margo Petracone

Kathy Tobey \_ Retiring

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

[cstrtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:cstrtreasurer@gmail.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

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### Sharing and Caring

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

## NEW MEMBER APPLICATION PROCESS

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/YDmR11SoQLSqWyy66>



NEW  
MEMBERS  
WELCOMED  
BY THE CSTR  
BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS

Erin Babbitt	Dennis Guberski	Monica McKenna	Anna Sawyer
Jeannie Baldwin	Stacy Hayes	Elizabeth Merritt	Robert Sawyer
Carolyn Beckstrom	Victoria Healey	Rebecca Miller	Lynn Shaw
Kimberly Bent	Michelle Healy	Airi Mooers	Rebecca Straight Fournier
Ashley Clark	Stephanie Keikkinen	Nancy Palermo-Lee	Julianna Tyson
Michelle Dunn	Francine King	Sherry Perry	Judith Westerling
Joanna Franchette	Lynn Knight	Michael Prange	Galen Wetterling
Joyce Franco	Sarah Lukens	Susie Reinheimer	
Denise Gagnon	Elizabeth Madison	Laura Ross	

## ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 14, 2026

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 14, 2026



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*

Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center  
366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566 - 508-347-7393  
<http://www.sturbridgehosthotel.com/>

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.  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/NMEHJyWJzo4kiXiX6>

USE THE FORM BELOW IF MAILING RESERVATION WITH A CHECK.  
OR ELECTRONIC FORM – <https://forms.gle/nqqActEwmE9Lzh1LA>

[Go to the website PAY NOW payment link](#)



### CSTR ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER MARCH 14, 2026

Seating begins at 6:00 pm Reservations Required for Dinner

**Deadline: March 6, 2026**

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 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 ea = \_\_\_\_\_ # Junior \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 ea = \_\_\_\_\_ Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Haddock # Adult \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 ea = \_\_\_\_\_ # Junior \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 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

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 taking an accredited course furthering their education.

### 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

FORMS POSTED  
ON THE WEBSITE



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



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 had a wonderful year!

Our June and August rides were well attended and members stepped up in so many ways to make that happen.

This year we took a chance and rented a booth at Equine Affaire in November. It was well received by the public, members stepped up to help man the booth and we signed on another 15 members.





## COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Your Board and Officers have been greatly heartened this year by the number of new members we have seen join CSTR, both before and after this years rides . Both rides were a great success due to the help of landowners and the many members who offered their time and expertise to the work involved in making these kinds of events so successful.

The BOD have been discussing the idea of a "marking weekend" prior to the August ride. We did this regularly years ago and it worked well. Members who wanted to help set up and pre-mark trails would gather for a long weekend with meals provided, and get trails set up in preparation for the ride. It would be a fun weekend. Hopefully we can get this worked out.

Our participation in two outside expo events in Topsfield and Equine Affaire helped fuel the fire of membership. We plan on doing both events again this coming year and any members who have the desire to help out for a couple of hours at an event are more than welcome.

We hope to see all new and old members at the annual meeting on March 14, 2026 at Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center in Sturbridge MA

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## The 2025 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 this year was perfect and riders enjoyed an extra extended day of camping and riding as a treat. Our ride managers, Nancy Creswell and Jean Lukens with the help of Allen Toby and his expertise with mapping, gave us some great trails in the adjacent Groton State Forest.. Helen was, again, an exceptionally welcoming hostess which made the whole event wonderful. We welcomed riders in on Thursday, and provided trails on Friday through Sunday.

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

The August Ride was held, once again, in our go to camp in Hawley MA on the Scott Farm. This camp allowed us easy access to Kenneth Dubuque and Savoy State Forests. There was a variety of trails that made everyone happy. The Scott Family are always welcoming landowners. We got a chance to meet with the Park Ranger for the district and talked with him about the state forest and future needs and plans. Our ride managers, Gary Omasta and Allan Tobey worked hard to scout and set up the trails and maps. Jean Lukens, Jim Singiser and Kathy Tobey were all on deck setting up trail routes prior to the ride. Helping with checking trails during the ride were Molly Lister, Sarah Ponikvar, Rebecca Miller, Charlie Williams and Dianne Gryncewicz.

I HOPE WE ARE NOT MISSING ANY ONE!!



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

They are the ones that help set up the tents, 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! This—because I am running out of nice things to 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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

The Election has reported that we have two vacancies for the Board of Directors, Kathy Tobey and Karen Desroches.

Both Kathy and Karen are long time members of CSTR and have given of their time and expertise to CSTR. Their presence on the BOD will be missed.

CSTR members will be receiving a letter from the Election Committee soon with a call for nominations for new members on the Board and an explanation of the process. The nomination period will be from January 3, 2026 to January 12, 2026. Elections will be held in February and announced at the March Meeting.

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. This year the table was a joint effort with Cross State Trail Ride, Barre Riding & Driving Club and NH Horse Council. Helping to man the booth were Pat Darmofal, Karen Wood, Kathy Tobey, Jen & Gary Omasta, Lynne Goodnow and Marianne Wojcicki



### EQUINE AFFAIRE covering 4 days in November

CSTR members showed up to man our first ever booth at Equine Affaire at Eastern States Expo in Springfield MA. A huge affair covering multiple buildings and arenas with continuous clinics and a multiple of booths covering every aspect of the equestrian world, it was a perfect venue to advertise what CSTR does. We ended up welcoming 15 new members!

Kudos to Jen and Gary Omasta for getting this all set up and working the booth. On deck helping out were Kathy & Allen Tobey, Wendy Wolfe Cardarelli, Jim Singiser, Jean Lukens, Larry Marshall, Margo Petracone, Tami & Danny Nadeau, Charlie Williams, Diane Sullivan Gryncewicz, Molly Lister, Stacy Hayes, Marianne Wojcicki, Betty Ann Cernese and Connie Bourque

## 2026 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 the payment button available on our website at <https://cstronline.com/membership>

Dues must be paid by April 1, 2025 to maintain your membership. Checks for 2026 dues will not be deposited until after March 1st, 2026.  
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