



## **John Timmons, Jr.**

MTRA #875 since 1978

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For those who didn't know John, he is another MTRA historical icon. Here are some highlights as there are TOO MANY stories to tell about John. John joined MTRA in September of 1978. His membership number was 875. He knew how to navigate the woods and he knew how to ride well and train horses. In the earlier years, you saw John ride many breeds. In those times there was a group of riders who (in a fun way) competed to find an alternate way to camp. John was one of the best. Some riders attempted to follow his better ways. Since he was a farrier, he fooled them by putting his horse's shoes on backwards so the prints showed a horse going in the opposite direction. John was a very good farrier who helped numerous trail riders, especially those who had trouble keeping shoes on their horses.

John was a serious horse trader especially when he got into Fox Trotters. Later into his membership John decided to become MTRA's caterer, catering many rides. John most always set his kitchen up where the trail and alternate trail intersected and most usually near the halfway point. He always had a simple menu of a couple items but he would have a special something for a very few of us who had special diets. John told me he learned to cook from his mother. He claims he never measured anything, just enjoyed keeping it simple as that also was the way to make money.