

Some of TROT's Accomplishments in 2015



- Organized a Trail Obstacle Clinic (non-judged) at Schooley Mill Park, with natural and manmade objects.
- Arranged for a TROT visioning session, that was held in early 2016.
- Awarded two scholarships for budding youth equestrians.
- Designed a trails-focused scholarship program for 2016, to further encourage youth equestrian involvement.
- Requested and received a grant to re-make TROT's video.
- Participated in the revival of the Gunpowder Volunteer Mounted Patrol unit.
- Provided information in the newsletter about numerous horse-related issues, including wonderful member-submitted articles on many area riding venues, trail planning efforts, rabies, worms and tick-borne infections and hornets, international equine volunteer work, the value of riding helmets, and a lot more.
- Continued TROT's "Adopt-A-Trail" program to champion trail maintenance.
- Participated in numerous organized joint trail workdays, including ones at Patuxent River State Park, Catocin Mountain, Monocacy DNR, Morgan Run, and WSSC (some multiple times).
- Continued TROT's Trail Ride program with rides at North Tract, Schooley Mill, Rosaryville, Rocky Gorge, Upper Patuxent, C&O Canal, Ag Park, NCR, Graham Equestrian Center, Reichsford Farm, Rachel Carson, Fairland Park, Tridelphia, Doncaster State Forest, Liberty, Gunpowder Falls, and Anacostia, almost all with great camaraderie at pot-luck lunches after the ride.
- Continued successful one day \$5.00 TROT membership to enable new riders to explore TROT's camaraderie on rides.
- Continued the expanded TROT's regional meetings/activities, especially in the Baltimore area, but also in the Rocky Gorge region, etc.
- Involved in Prince George's County's County's plans to add hundreds of miles of trails in the next 25 years and in Prince George's County's plans to retain rural areas.
- Continued participating with MORE and DNR in planning sustainable trails in Patuxent River State Park (ongoing effort).
- Continued as an appointed representative on an Ad Hoc committee working toward getting permanent multi-use trails and better parking on Frederick's watershed.
- Involved in plans to reopen Newtowne Neck State Park, in St. Mary's County, for equestrian use.
- Again organized an appreciation luncheon for the WSSC staff who have cleared vast numbers of trees to maintain their Rocky Gorge equestrian trail.
- Attended volunteer appreciation receptions including by Howard County and Catocin Mt. Park, to continue collaborative relationships on behalf of the equestrians.
- Continued educating members about hunting dates and proposed hunting legislation.
- Exhibited at the Horse Expo, Timonium, MD, Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015 (although the latter unfortunately was snowed out for two of the three days).
- Again paid the rental fee for three months of a Port-A-Pot at Morgan Run, so along with other organizations, assuring a Port-A-Pot is there from April until the end of October.
- Annual TROT Dinner and Silent Auction.