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A night to remember.....

It was gratifying to see so many members turn out for TROT's 25th Anniversary dinner on February 26. With good food, creative decorations, a beautiful cake (complete with the TROT logo!), door prizes, a silent auction, connecting with our friends, it was a memorable evening.

For me, one highlight was the honoring of our Founding Members. On March 6, 1980, the first TROT meeting was held in the home of Judy Richardson. Twenty-two local horse owners and riders attended. The need was so great at that time for an organized equestrian presence that word of the group got out quickly, and at the next meeting there were 75 attendees.

Founding Member plaques were presented to those attending: Anne Bennof, Sarah Donaldson, Terry Ledley, Sandy Boyd, Terri Mulligan, Judy Richardson and Frank Schell. Anne Bennof presented our first President, Judy Richardson, with a beautiful 25th Anniversary

commemorative polo shirt. (See order form in this issue.)

It is encouraging that so many of these original TROT members are still riding! In fact, Pat Oliva could not be with us since she was participating in a 5-day, 50 mile per day ride in Florida.

Congratulations again to our Committee Chair, Pat Talbott, who starting planning this event many months ago, and to her Committee members: Michelle Beachley, Anne Bennof, Kyle Jossi, and Deneen Martin.

Feedback has indicated that members would like to have a silent auction next year, so start gathering your lightly used tack, clothing, and other items for our next annual dinner.

Congratulations again to everyone who helped make TROT's 25th Anniversary dinner such a success.

Priscilla Huffman, President

Our First Trail Ride In 2005

Sunday, April 3rd, Little Bennett 11am.
To register call Lisa Troutman 301 253 9243

TROT JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE

Spring is here and time to plan for our fund raiser, the Judged Pleasure Ride. If you have a horse ready for this test of horse and rider, send in your entry. We can also use help on this Saturday, June 4th. It's fun for riders, horses and volunteers. See application on page 9.

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*Carol Auletta
301 888 1323

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Dave Turner
301 292 6130



Dear Merchants,

On behalf of the TROT Board of Directors and members, we wish to thank all the merchants below for their kind contributions to our 25th Anniversary Dinner.

Anytime Tack Horse: Wine bucket

Bits & Bridles: Jewelry box, Oil & Vinegar cruet set

Camp St. Charles: Parent-Child Weekend

Carroll County Tack: Sterling bracelet

Cowboy Stuff: \$50 Gift certificate

Everything Equestrian: Pair of Stag Chase pillows

Four Corners Animal Hospital: 2 Gift certificates for Dog or Cat exam

French Confection Bakery: 2 Breakfast Gift Certificates

Grey Pony: Purple Embroidered sweatshirt

Highland Feed: Book- 101 Uses for a Horse

Horse Tech, Inc.: 6 bags of supplements

Maryland Tack Horse: Halter and Lead line

Smart-Pak: Equine Smart-Pak Treats- Samples for everyone

Stablemates: 3 Ariat Visors

The generous donations of all our local merchants is very much appreciated, and we encourage all our members to continue to patronize these dynamic businesses.

Our sincere thanks,
Trail Riders of Today
Deneen Martin
Secretary

TROT SAR makes the news.

Check out Hagerstown Herald article on February 11, 2005

Police search intensifies for woman missing after fire

by PEPPER BALLARD

You must have your articles in by May 8th for the June newsletter.

Montgomery County Parks TRAIL CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE ' 05

Here's the program for spring of ' 05. It's ambitious but we can do this with your participation. All trails other than the March 12 (east side of Muddy Branch / no bikes) and Cabin John are open to all non-motorized users. Cabin John is closed to equestrians.

Please consider what time(s) you could volunteer a few hours to improve your trail experience. We guarantee you will be thrilled with the results! Trail use is our most requested recreational facility in Montgomery County parkland and MNCPPC aims to provide adequate trail access for all. And we can do this in a responsible manner so that Open Space is not damaged. Come learn some new trail construction techniques, meet new trail buddies, find out how to get on the new trails and get some exercise while you're out there! You don't need to be big and strong to help---we have a job for every pair of hands. Please contact me if you plan to attend so appropriate tasks and tools can be provided.

Naomi.manders@mncppc-mc.org or 301-650-4395 Volunteer Coordinator for Trails

April 01, 02, 03 Hoyles Mill (MORE, IMBA)
(Hoyles Mill Rd. to White Ground)

April 9 Fairland continued (MORE and TROT)

April 16 Cabin John (MORE, PATC)

April 23 Muddy Branch (large REI crew) (clear west side of stream) (MORE too!)

April 24 Little Bennett (MORE and TROT)

May 14 Muddy Branch (complete project both sides of stream Rte. 28 to Quince Orchard Rd.) (EVERYBODY)

June 4 Trail Volunteer Thank You Party at Black Hill Regional Park

June 5 Hoyles Mill (MORE)

July TROT at Seneca Greenway Trail (no date set yet)

August 27, 28 Cabin John Bridge at Bradley Blvd.,

New Members

We welcome the following new TROT members:

Becky Novotny
3553 Lakeway Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Howard
410 988 9350

Peter & Hillary Beckjord
13187 Highland Rd.
Highland, MD 20777
301-854-0205

Shirley Harris
6690 Old Solomos Island Road
Friendship, MD 20758
Anne Arundel
301 812 0667

Holley Engbert
2703 Birdseye Ln.
Bowie, MD 20715
Prince Georges
(301) 464-9480

Elizabeth & Todd Davis & family
11242 Old Annapolis Rd.
Frederick, MD 21701
Frederick
(301) 989-1557

Judy & Arthur Thacher
5813 Huckburn Ct.
Laurel, MD 20707
Prince Georges

Donna & Victoria Newman
1450 Emmanuel Church Rd.
Huntington, MD 20639
Calvert
(410) 535-1424

Angela Patton & Christy Rose
smokeymist@hotmail.com
Calvert

Joy & Michael Sappington & Family
3515 Denison Street
Frederick, MD 21704
Frederick
(301) 874-8169

Please be advised that newsletters will be discontinued, after this issue if your dues are not paid.

Limited Time Offer!! 25th Anniversary Polo Shirt

Hit the trail this spring with our new 25th Anniversary polo shirt.

It's a bright yellow/gold, with black logo and trim on the collar and cuffs. Beneath the logo are the words: "Celebrating Our 25th Year - 2005."

We will place an order for only as many of these limited-edition shirts as you say you want, so let us hear from you right away. The shirt is \$20 if you wish to pick it up in Woodbine or at a Board Meeting. If we mail it to you, add \$2.

Name:

Address:

Phone/e-mail:

S M L XL

How Many?

Send to: Anne Bennof, 2445 Gillis Falls Rd.,
Woodbine, MD 21797

Questions: 301 829 0949



TROT has lost a wonderful friend. **Boyd Smith** passed away on March 8th, just past his 82nd birthday celebrated on March 5th.

Before I knew of TROT's existence, I knew Boyd. I boarded my horse near his home behind Schooley Mill Park. It was Boyd that introduced me to all the trails that existed in Highland. He never took me the same way twice, and at times I believe he was making up new trails as he rode, so it was difficult for me to learn them on my own. Luckily, I had a horse with a good sense of direction, and eventually learned my way around. I would often stop by his farm on horseback to talk to Boyd and his wife. He loved to talk about riding and his honey bees.

It wasn't until after I became a member of TROT did I learn more about this man. A man that enjoyed being out on his horse and a man that could not have been more kind and generous.

Boyd Smith was never a member of TROT but supported us as though he was. He is in our TROT video "Why Horses". Many members have benefited from his efforts. When I learned of his death, I called Kay Gordon in North Carolina. Kay had known Boyd for almost 30 years. She e-mailed me a note that I feel

can say more about Boyd and how he supported TROT than I ever can.

Gale Monahan

Boyd was instrumental in the creation of the Schooley Mill Park trails. He met with park officials to map the position of the trails and used his tractor for the initial cutting...and then for the maintenance of those trails for many years.

Boyd was a strong advocate for trail riding. He rode the deer paths in the woods and fields of Highland long before any official trails were there. His eyes would glisten when he would tell about the time he watched a fawn stand for the first time to nurse.

I have many warm memories of this kind and generous man. Boyd told about the special place he would ride to above a small waterfall in the woods. This was his "church" where he made his own peace with himself and his world.

May we all remember him and try to emulate his quiet reverence of nature.

Kay Gordon

CLASSIFIED ADS

Please e-mail to tallyhotazz@aol.com. Classified ad: \$6.00 for first 100 words, \$.10 for each additional word
 1/4 page ad or business card: \$25.00 1/2 page ad: \$40.00 Full page: \$75.00 Insert (all copies delivered to out
 printer): \$50.00 Please have all ads in by May 8th for June newsletter

FOR SALE: 3 yr old Reg. Paint – 14.1h Attractive chestnut tobiano mare. Personable & pleasant attitude - loves to be around people. W/T/C, great on trails & not spooky. Fluid, smooth gates. Kay is a willing quick learner looking to please. Flashy show prospect. No vices. A good home is a must. \$2,500.00. 301-717-7671 or webebeachleys@msn.com

Ride Pennsylvania Horse Trails Part II, The Western Half of PA

Comprehensive guidebooks to equestrian trails & camping locales open to the public. To order, send name, address, phone number, & check:

> Ride Pennsylvania Horse Trails-Part I, the Eastern Half of PA (50+ trails in central to eastern PA):

Send check for \$26.95 (\$28.33 PA residents).

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Send check for \$27.95 (\$29.39 PA residents).

> SAVE on Book Set-Part I & II, the whole state of PA. That's 90+ trails! Send check for \$48.00 (\$50.88 PA residents).

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WANTED: To buy 2 large ponies or 2 small horses or pony/horse crosses, warmbloods or warm/cold crosses. Up to 15.2 hands, or so, with strong back and at least 8 years old, for family use for young children and adult (210 pound rider, 6 feet tall) beginner riders. Gentle and quiet temperament, no serious vices, and healthy for general pleasure riding and trail-riding. Sound enough for future dressage and low jumps. Will pay \$1,500 or less for each. Highland, Maryland 20777. Call: Peter 301-854-0205 or Hillary 301-873-4555.

RIDER WANTED: Montgomery county endurance rider and veterinarian seeks rider to help condition three young Arab geldings. Unpaid position for person who is interested in riding and learning about endurance. Trailing to a variety of local and not-so-local trails. Competition possible. Must be competent rider and be able to ride Thurs am and weekends. Claire Godwin DVM 301-948-0158

PARELLI NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP CLINC with certified 3 Stat Instructor Nita Jo Rush at Celebration Farm, Union Bridge, Maryland April 22-25, 2005 9:30am—5:30pm Advancing Level 1 April 22-23 Level 2 April 24-25. Clinic spots still available and auditors are always welcome. For more details contact clinic coordinator, Annette Pillon by e-mail annettepillon@hotmail.com or rienzisfirl@aol.com or by phone 301 271 06980



Annual Membership Application

_____ New Membership _____ Membership Renewal for Year 200_____

Name of applicant _____

Spouse/Sig. Other _____ Other Family _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Ride In _____

Home Phone _____

Work/Alt Phone _____ E-mail _____

Annual membership rates for January 1 – December 31:

- One year single or family membership \$20.00 per year
- Contributing member \$30.00 per year
- Sustaining member \$50.00 per year
- Additional contributions \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Trail Riders of Today, and send this form and your check to:

Michelle Beachley, TROT Membership Chair
26309 Howard Chapel Drive, Damascus, MD 20872
 Phone: 301-482-2526 Email: TrotMembership@hotmail.com

Membership is for the calendar year. All individuals included in a family TROT membership must be members of the same family living at the same address. Additional contributions are welcome and help to preserve the trails you ride on. TROT is a tax exempt, nonprofit organization and contributions are tax deductible.

VOLUNTEER

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please check any areas where you would be willing to assist.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearings | <input type="checkbox"/> County Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Directory | <input type="checkbox"/> Ride Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raise | <input type="checkbox"/> Booth/Shows | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Mapping | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAR | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Clearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Judged Pleasure Ride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | | |

DIRECTORY

Please check here if you do NOT want your contact information listed in our membership directory (default is as above).

OR, if you wish to be listed, but only want partial information included please indicate what info. can be printed in the membership directory.

- Name Full Address Home Phone Email

If neither box is checked, the information filled out at the top of the form will be printed in the directory.

Calendar Of Events *You must show a current negative Coggins at each Ride*

Tuesday, April 5th, Board Meeting at Susan Gray 301 854 2340 7pm

Saturday, April 9th, Camp Waredaca, Montgomery County. There will be opportunities to gallop and jump small logs. Contact Gayle Ford (e mail preferred – fordF10A@mindspring.com, or phone 410-552-5372)

Saturday, April 16th, Bull Run Regional Park, Centreville, VA. We will be guests of the Clifton Horse Society for their annual Bluebell Ride. If Mother Nature cooperates, we'll get to see carpets of Bluebells and Spring Beauties at their peak. Be sure to bring your cameras and bag lunch. The ride will last about 2 hours and be divided into a slow and a moderately quick ride. For directions and to confirm your spot call Mary Flowers at 703-250-6188 or email her at forhorses@cox.net by April 13th. Riders under 18 must wear hard hats.

Sunday, April 17th Paint Branch, Montgomery County. These trails were the inspiration for Trot's inception. Come ride the Paint Branch, Gum Spring, and Good Hope tributaries. If time allows, we can also ride the connecting trail to the Rocky Gorge Watershed. Time about 2 to 3 hours. The pace will be moderate with some trotting and cantering to allow us to cover the distance; not a quiet ride. Bring a snack or bag lunch, especially if we go over to Rocky Gorge. Contact Mary Prowell at 301-607-8061 or Boprow@aol.com.

Saturday, April 30th Michaux, just over the line in Pennsylvania, directly north of South Mountain. This trail is a first for a Trot ride, but I've heard several folks say it's one of their favorites for its wide trails that are long and fast. With over 85,000 acres, it's easy to get lost there. There is one steep "lung busting" hill that leads to a plateau with some wonderful flat riding. There aren't many rocks so a barefoot horse would be fine. The pace will be fast, mostly trotting and cantering. Bring a lunch. Only about 8 trailers can be accommodated in the parking area. Contact Johnna Wheeler, 301-293-3207.

Saturday, May 7th. Potomac Riverside Farm to the C&O Canal, Montgomery County. This is the 15th year that Anna has held this ride and it's a Trot favorite, not to be missed! This ride leaves Anna's historic working farm and heads thru woods and fields to the C&O canal towpath and the Potomac River. There will be 3 rides; walk, trot, and canter. Bring some money along for a possible snack break at the White's Ferry Store. The highlight of the ride is a cookout prepared by Anna at her farm after the ride! Call Anna Slaysman at 301-972-8187.

Saturday, May 14th (Rain date Sunday May 15th) Near Sugarloaf Mountain. Anne Pomeroy will lead both a slow and fast ride from her farm near Sugarloaf Mountain. Afterwards, we'll gather for a potluck picnic (Anne will provide chili.) Contact Anne at 301-607-4433.

Saturday, May 21st Olney Days Parade This is a great opportunity to get Trot's name out in the community and to show off our beautiful horses! Last year we won a trophy for Best Animal Unit. If you would like to participate, be sure your horse is comfortable and safe around crowds, balloons, and marching bands. Deneen Martin (301-253-2955) and Michelle Beachley (webebeachleys@msn.com, 301-482-2526) have graciously agreed to coordinate this event. Please contact them for additional details

Sunday, May 22. Morgan Run. Speed to be determined. Rolling hills, grass and open fields. Contact Doris Kendig at 301-271-4919

Sunday, May 29. Doncaster State Park, Charles County (across the water from Mount Vernon.) The speed will be adjusted to the group with the possibility of 2 groups. Part of the ride will be along the Potomac and will last 2-3 hours. Most of the trail is flat dirt with some gravel and a few road crossings. Contact Donata and John Dow at 301-743-5114.

Saturday, June 12, Rocky Gorge Reservoir, P.G. Co. Come ride these gorgeous trails! The views are spectacular as each bend and turn yields a new vista of the river stretching away in the distance. These trails will really make you feel you are far from the maddening crowd, with the possibility of seeing deer, fox, beaver, Osprey, and even Bald Eagles. There will be a walking group and another faster group when the terrain allows. Contact Terry Ledley at 301-776-2661 for more information.

Carroll County Report

Latest information on the planned expansion of Gillis Falls Park trails: On hold due to promised State funding having been re-directed to other programs. Work was to have begun this year. I'm not sure when funding will again become available.

On a brighter note, the Carroll Co. Equestrian Council is sponsoring Rick Pelicano and his "Bombproofing Your Horse" clinic on May 22 at the Carroll Co. Equestrian Center in Mt. Airy. There will be two sessions (AM 9-noon; PM 1-4), each limited to 20 horse/rider participants. Fee is \$60. Audit fee \$10. Pre-registration required. Contact Carolyn Garber 410 549 5141 (ccecofd@yahoo.com) or Bill Schaefer 410 386 2100 for information and/or entry form. This clinic is an excellent way to help you learn techniques for communicating with your horse under distracting or stressful conditions when it is especially important that he pay attention to you and do what you ask.

Anne Bennof

Howard County Report

I played hooky at the dinner and the March meeting. But I'll be back on the job. I am in Florida riding the Fun in the Sun endurances rides. It's been six months since I have been to one. Darn hospitals and surgeries kept me away. But as Roy Roger used to say-I'm back in the saddle again!!!

I want to thank all of you I talked with for rejoining. It is so important to have Howard County voters when you talk to officials. That I need is your e-mail if you have a computer. It is so much easier to update info and ask for help. Mine is patolivattigger@aol.com. E-mail me yours. Thanks to everyone of you for being there!!!!

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPORT

I got a call from Park and Planning the first part of January, it sounds like they are going to try to allocate some time to work with our GPS data and their GIS data and keep track of these in-formal trails so when they get a subdivision plat they can match it up with our data and see if there are any trails impacted. Sandy has agreed to help me with Montgomery county, she did not want to do the whole county.

GPS update: I helped New Market Middletown Valley hounds clear some trails in the Monocracy Park next to the long trail on the West side of Sugarloaf MT. Now we can complete the mapping.

Tim McGrath

Little Bennett Regional Park is beginning its Masterplan process and gathering input already. All the trails on the north side of Hyattstown Mill road will be relocated. This will be necessary because most of them run along old logging roads which were never intended to be permanent. Over the years these "trails" have sunk, up to 2-3 feet and have become rivers or muck holes. This is what is known as poor design and unsustainable trails. Occasionally park staff would dump in a load of rock which just drifted around forcing horses outside the wet spot. Improperly placed waterbars dammed up the holes and made them worse. Realignment is the answer.

I'm asking TROT to get involed, first in the planning and later in the construction. Where should trail entries be (other than parking lots) and what are your destinations? No Public Forum has been scheduled yet but you may give me your suggestions now.

A workday has been scheduled for Sunday, April 24. Join us for a day of trail rehab and keep that equestrian presence up front!

Sincerely, Naomi Manders, Volunteer Coordinator for trails----- naomi.manders@mncppc-mc.org
301-650-4395

For the Horse, circle one

- A. Quarter horses
- B. Arabians
- C. Thoroughbreds, Appaloosas & other Registered Horses
- D. Ponies of all breeds
- E. Gaited Breeds (Tennessee Walker, Missouri Fox Trotter, Rocky Mountain, Paso, Saddlebreds)
- F. Grade (unregistered horses)
- G. Novice (Horse has never placed in a Judged Pleasure Ride)

I understand that horseback riding is inherently a dangerous sport, and I agree by my signature that I will not hold Trail Riders of Today, its representatives, or the Maryland Department of Natural Resources State Parks & Forests liable for any injury or damage I or my horse or equipment may incur while participating in this competition. I also agree to abide by the rules of competition as provided by the ride management. **I agree to wear a Hard Hat while mounted, as required by ride management.**

Signature _____

Date _____

Guardian of Junior Rider _____

Date _____

Cut this half of the entry form off and mail it right away!



TROT Judged Pleasure Ride

Open to the public

The Date: June 4, 2005
The Time: Registration opens at 10:00 AM, closes at noon
The Place: Pavilion C. McKeldin Area, Patapsco Valley State Park
The Fee: \$27 per horse/rider Post entry \$32
The Rules: Hard hats required --and-- Current negative Coggins test required

What is a "Judged" Pleasure Ride?

TROT's Judged Pleasure Ride is a 10-mile trail loop starting and ending in the McKeldin area of the Patapsco Valley State Park. The terrain varies from flat lands alongside the river to steep hills (some rocky) and open fields. Each rider may proceed at his/her own pace; there is no time limit. The trail is well flagged with surveyor's tape, and safety riders with radios patrol the course until all riders have returned.

Along the trail are set 10-12 stations, each announced by a paper plate sign with the station's number. At each station is a patient and kind volunteer who is spending his/her entire day sitting at that spot watching you ride by. (Please thank them on your way through!) Each station is designed to provide some type of trail obstacle one might conceivably encounter on a pleasure ride anywhere in Maryland.



How the rider and horse negotiate the obstacle is judged. In the past, obstacles have included a wooden bridge to walk across, a bag of trash to throw in a trash can, and a lawn ornament cow standing beside the trail. Each judge has been instructed on some general points to look for, as well as particular actions either good or bad specific to that obstacle.

For a good score (7-9 points), a judge would look for the horse that willingly waits its turn at the waiting place (a paper plate sign announcing the next obstacle), proceeds through the obstacle or chore with attention to its job (ears pricked, looking where its feet are going), and whose rider is cheerful, confident, and patient with his/her mount and proceeds through the obstacle with forethought and safety.

Directions to McKeldin

West-bound I-70, take exit 83 for Marriottsville Road, bearing right off the exit ramp

or

East-bound I-70, take exit 82, Rt. 40, to first light. Turn left onto Marriottsville Road. Marriottsville Road through Marriottsville, where it crosses the railroad tracks and over 2 branches of the Patapsco River. Less than 1/2 mile, at the crest of the hill, is the park entrance on the right. Follow the signs into the park to pavillion C.

The Prizes: Oldest horse, Oldest rider, and Youngest rider; Champion and Reserve Champion according to highest scores, 1st-6th place ribbons for each class (see Entry Form for Class List). Also, this will be the 6th year for the Irving Abb Memorial Trophy to go to the Ride's Champion.

Questions? Call Ride Secretary **Bette Laug** at 301/972-8442 or e-mail her a olaug@email.msn.com.
Looking forward to seeing you there!

Keep this half of the entry form for directions to the park!

Please send

entry form (1 for each horse/rider entered).
entry fee of \$27 (make checks payable to TROT).
a copy of each horse's negative Coggins test to:
Bette B. Laug 301/972-8442
17500 Conoy Road olaug@email.msn.com
Barnesville, MD 20838-9748

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (_____) _____

e-mail _____

Rider's Age _____ Horse's Age _____

Please circle the TWO classes you wish to enter, one for the rider and one for the horse (next page).

For the Rider: circle one class

1. Junior (riders under age 18)
2. Novice (adults who've never placed in a Judged Pleasure Ride)
3. Open (adults)

Important: Entry form continued on the back!

TROT Treasurer's Report for February 2005

Expenses

February 2005 Expenses: \$958.30
 Verizon Bill: \$19.42
 Gasch Printing (February 2005 Newsletter): \$649.08
 Maryland Horse Council 2005 Dues: \$100.00
 DNR - Park Pavilion Rental for JPR: \$175.00
 Michelle Beachley - Postage: \$14.80

Income:

February 2005 Income: \$1,348.38
 Total Deposits: \$1,342.00
 Interest from Savings Acct: \$1.08
 Interest from Time Deposit (Mapping Fund): \$5.30
 Bank Balances as of March 1, 2005:
 Checking Acct: \$561.72
 Savings Acct: \$4,990.14
 Time Deposit: \$6,465.94

Kathy Dobson,
 TROT Treasurer

Trot members and friends would like to express sincere condolences to Karen Alexander and family on the recent loss of her Husband, **Art Alexander**. Karen and Art had moved from Montgomery County, Md. to Aiken, S.C. just shortly before his death.

Karen was at one time, the secretary for TROT and did a wonderful job. She plans to remain in Aiken S.C. with her horses and Fox hunt. We will all miss her.

Sandy Boyd

Trail Rider TV Series

Hi! I spoke w/ representatives from TROT at the Maryland Horse Expo recently about a television series now being filmed and to be aired this summer. The TROT members were interested in more information about the producer of the program, the showcased trail sites, and the show itself. The director/producer is a friend of mine from Virginia, Doug Sloan. The TROT members at the Expo wanted to know if he may be available to speak at a workshop or conference. He said that he would be available to do so, as his schedule permits.

Doug Sloan has been active in many aspects of horsemanship including breaking, training, teaching, stunt coordination for films, stunt performer, horse wrangler, actor, consultant for films, etc

His professional website is DougSloan.com

He also is involved in running trail rides in Virginia.

That website is TrailrideVA, with info on Trails in Fredericksburg, Culpepper, & Graves Mountain, VA

His current project is the upcoming TV program, "Best of America by Horseback." This is a unique program entailing everything about trail riding from safety issues to planning trips to trouble shooting on the trail. The show will showcase some of the best trails in America. Filming will begin this month and will air this summer. Trail riders may sign up to participate at various sites. For more information go to: Best of America by Horseback website for more information and links.

I hope this information is useful for your members.

Sheryl Robinson

For immediate release!

Super thanks to my good equestrian buddies at Potomac Bridle and Hiking Trails Association, and to our friends at Potomac Horse Center for the excellent trail work Saturday .Even the President of TROT, the President of PBHTA and the esteemed Mary Johnston of the Horse Center to review the trail for hazards. We had 20 equestrians plus 10 hikers which donated a total of 150 hours to the program. These hours are used to impress the County Council (that budgets your trail program monies) and to match funds required by the State for trail grant money. The trail looks wonderful although it's not really ready to be ridden yet---the new parts have some hidden holes and tree stumps that could cause your horse to stumble. We are leaving some of the trees across the trail for jumps or step over but you will find a cleared path to the side to the "jump". Shortly you may see some nice blue blazes on the "official" north/south route.

Work will continue on April 23 on the other side of the stream to complete a loop. And the May 14 workday will address the final needs---and of course there's a bridge to be assembled possibly this summer. So I hope to see you again! Don't forget to let me know if you're coming.

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