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TROT ANNUAL MEETING, SILENT AUCTION

AND

POT LUCK DINNER

Saturday, February 23, 2008

6:00 PM

Howard County Fair Grounds Dining Hall

Please bring your favorite dish of food to share according to the first letter of your last name

A - C Appetizers

D - G Desserts

H - K Salads

L - Z Main Dish

Come and enjoy lots of time for networking and meeting with friends.

For more information contact Susan Gray at

susan@campususan.com

SILENT AUCTION

Please contact Kyle Jossi at bossyjossi@netscape.com if you have an auction item. Items can be brought to the dinner (plan to arrive early if you have an item so that we have time to place on the table) but please contact Kyle ahead of time with a description of your item so that she can have a sheet made up for it.

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President's Message

As a new TROT year gets underway, we have some exciting news to share. We're starting off 2008 with the largest number of renewing and new members that we've had in several years. Thanks to the efforts of several TROT members who gave up two evenings to hold membership renewal stuffing parties, we mailed out over 700 renewal reminder letters, and as of the date of this writing, we have over 400 renewed and new members.

Your TROT board and other members were active in 2007. We'll highlight some of these accomplishments here, and you can hear more at our annual dinner on February 23.

- * Fifteen TROT-sponsored trail rides were held over the spring, summer and fall. We added pot lucks after the rides to give participants more time to share and get to know each other.
- * TROT sponsored a booth at the 2007 Horse World Expo for four days.
- * The silent auction at our 2007 annual dinner netted almost \$900.
- * The Judged Pleasure Ride was held in June with 71 riders participating.
- * Our first Trail Riding Clinic was held which included a morning seminar, followed by a guided trail ride the next day.
- * Our Communications committee set up a Yahoo site for TROT members.
- * Testimony was presented at several hearings, and TROT members attended review committee meetings and made recommendations for local parks and trail planning.
- * TROT executive committee members attended the quarterly meetings of the Maryland Horse Council.
- * A representative of TROT attended the South Eastern Trails Conference for four days.
- * TROT sponsored a booth at the Olney Days community event.
- * New county coordinators were identified for Washington County, Charles County and Montgomery County.
- * A new webmaster and a new membership coordinator were transitioned.
- * TROT participated in events sponsored by Equestrian Partners in Conservation and the Trails and Greenways Committee of the Maryland Horse Council.

One area that needs attention is organized trail maintenance. While many members did trail clearing on their own, next year we hope to participate in more organized trail clearing events.

Thanks to all of our members who made 2007 such a success. With the help of additional volunteers, we expect 2008 to be just as active a year!

Priscilla Huffman
President

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SILENT AUCTION * ANNUAL DINNER

Kyle Jossi

Hopefully everyone has recovered from the holidays (more like holiday) because it's time to focus on the upcoming Silent Auction to be held at the Annual Dinner on Saturday, February 23rd. Last year's event was a huge success because of generous donations from members and tack shops and also because of you who came to the Annual Dinner and bid on the items! A total of \$879 was raised at the 2006 Silent Auction. I'm hoping, with everyone's participation, that we can pass \$1000 this year.

Once again, we are looking for items to be donated for the auction. These can be new or gently used (clean and in very good condition) tack, riding apparel, and services. Use your imagination. Some other ideas - riding lessons, a certificate for horse sitting for someone in your area, sports or theatre tickets, a gift certificate from your favorite restaurant, masseuse, or nail salon. It doesn't have to be something horse related, just something that someone else might want to buy. Think about where your talents lie this may be the source of a great idea.

To discuss a donation, please contact Kyle Jossi
email bossyjossi@netscape.com or 301-570-3860.

(Note - I will be out of town 2/8- 2/17 so if I don't return your call or email, I will as soon as I return.) ATTEND THE AUCTION, BRING A FRIEND, SPEND MONEY, AND HAVE FUN!

FROM THE OUTGOING TRAIL RIDE COORDINATOR

Kyle Jossi

One of the things that makes TROT a viable and robust organization is the active participation of our members. Much of TROT's work is done behind the scenes by a hand-full of people working very hard, but we get energized and excited by new members who volunteer their time and creativity to join us. (Ron and Janet MacNab, Susan Rechen, Jeanne Bond, Nancy Osgood and Sim Shanks to name a few enthusiastic new comers!) Once again we are asking for someone to step up and take on the job of Trail Ride Coordinator. Because of work and family obligations, as well as the work required to organize the Silent Auction, this is something I can no longer do. Although we've had the request for a new Trail Ride Coordinator out for several months, I think everyone is waiting for someone else to volunteer. It seems that someone else is busy, also. If you think you might be interested in this position, please give me a call and I'll be glad to give you more details (301-570-3860). We already have a cadre of willing ride leaders, it's simply a matter of setting dates. I also found that this is a great way to connect with other trail riders. Deneen Martin has graciously agreed to lead her annual April Fools Ride - Agricultural Farm Park, Saturday, April 5th. Contact Deneen at 301-253-2955. While this is the first ride of the season, it may be the last scheduled TROT ride until we get a new Trail Ride Coordinator. Please contact Kyle Jossi or any board member if you are interested.

PRESERVING OUR EQUINE HERITAGE ON PUBLIC LANDS ACT

Pat Oliva

Introduction

Many who enjoy recreational riding on public lands are concerned about the reduction of trails, trail heads, and the closure of public lands to horses and pack animals. Access to areas to ride is one of the most important issues facing riders. To prevent further closures, recreational riders are working closely with their federal, state and local land managers and also looking for federal legislative solutions.

Senate Legislation

On November 1, 2007, Senator Mike Crapo (R-ID) introduced the Preserving our Equine Heritage on Public Lands Act (S.. 2238). Senator Crapo introduced similar legislation in the last Congress.

This bill recognizes the importance of saddle and pack stock in the settling, exploration and recreation of our country by ensuring that the horse's historic and traditional use is recognized, as our public lands are managed by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service.

The bill directs the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to manage the federal lands under their jurisdiction "in a manner that preserves and facilitates the continued use and access of pack and saddle stock animals" on lands on which "there is a historical tradition" of use. The bill applies to the management of the National Park System, BLM lands, National Wildlife Refuge System land, and National Forest System land.

The bill provides that such lands "shall remain open and accessible to the use of pack and saddle stock animals" where there is a tradition of use, but does not limit the federal agencies' ultimate authority to restrict such use, provided the agencies perform the review required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The bill would also impose additional specific and designated procedures to be followed by agencies before any land closures to horses. These procedures include advance notice of any proposed reduction in use to allow public comment, convening a public meeting near the area involved, and collaboration with various users during the process.

The bill directs the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to issue a policy within 180 days of enactment that defines the meaning of "historical tradition of the use of pack and saddle stock animals" on federal lands.

Congressional Action

The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Members should support this bill – let your elected representatives know how you feel!

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County Updates

Howard County

Pat Oliva

We are experiencing a renewal of old memberships and new ones. It is great to see the number in Howard county start an upward climb.

One of our newest members, Joan, who came to our November board meeting, e-mailed me about the attempt to establish a horse park in Howard County. Joan and Ron attended a meeting at the County Building on December 5, 2007, and I attended the meeting held on December 11.

The county has assigned a Horse Park Task Force to look for sites suitable for a park in Howard County. I would have liked to be on the task force, but heard about it long after it was formed and cannot get on it now. I am hoping that if the park is established it will have trails open to all. There are several sites under study including

Benson Park, the University of Maryland farm, and other large tracts. The next meeting was January 10. Many of these meetings are open to the public.

I did get my interview from the County for the Park and Recreation Board. Just waiting to hear who will be assigned to an opening that has been vacated since May.

Lets all work together to make 2008 a turning point for trails in Howard Country - and remember to drop me an e-mail if you hear any news that concerns horses in Howard County!! Pat Oliva, 2850 Florence Road, Woodbine, Maryland 21797 (410) 489-7380.

Montgomery County

Ron MacNab

New Trail Signs in Fairland Park

Fairland Park is a wooded, stream valley park that straddles the Prince Georges/Montgomery county line. It happens to be the home to some of the most environmentally well-planned trails in the area. The Montgomery County side of the park is well marked for equestrians thanks to the work of Naomi Manders, when she was with MC-MNCPPC. In November, Mary and John Angevine, Janet and Ron MacNab working under the guidance of PG-MNCPPC hung equestrian trail markers in the southern end of the park. For those who are always looking for new great place to ride, give Fairland Park a try. For further information, call Ron MacNab 301-622-4157 if you live in Montgomery County, or Mary Angevine 301-588-TROT if you live in Prince George's county.



MC-MNCPPC News

TROT voices support for Georgia Avenue underpass

TROT members accepted MC-MNCPPC's invitation to provide suggestions on improving the Georgia Avenue corridor. Our focus was to request the advancement of the Rachael Carson Greenway by building a multi-use pathway under the Hawlings River Bridge, to connect the Rachael Carson and Hawlings River parks.

MC-MNCPPC appreciates our attendance at the planning meetings and is very happy to work with us. Our attendance provides them with the public showing they need to justify their support of equestrian trails.

Montgomery County update continued

TROT supports plans for the Upper Rock Creek Trail Corridor Plan

MC-MNCPPC held a meeting for community input for extension of the Upper Rock Creek Trail. The trail plan would link Lake Frank, Lake Needwood, Agriculture Farm Park, Blue Mash, Rachael Carson Park, and Patuxent River Park. Volunteers will be desperately needed to construct this multi-use natural surface trail. Please consider volunteering some of your time.

MC-MNCPPC owns most of the land, but short links still need to be worked out between Blue Mash, Rachael Carson and Patuxent River.

Cedarville State Forest opens to equestrian camping

Ron MacNab

Cedarville State Forest officials invited representatives from TROT, Maryland Horse Council, and Southern Maryland Trail Riders to discuss the opening of equestrian camping at the park.

The equestrian campgrounds will be open March through October. It adjoins the Orange Trail and has water and bathroom facilities within a short

walk. The cost is \$20 per night. During the months of November through February only primitive camping is available at a cost of \$5.

Cedarville offers equestrians nineteen miles of trails on 3,500 wooded acres. It is located off Rt 301 near Waldorf Maryland.

Member Highlight

Gale Monahan, who was president of TROT for 6 years and Howard County Coordinator for 10 years, appeared at the Horse World Expo with her beautiful Spotted Walking Horse, Montana's Little Joe. Montana's Little Joe is Champion Spotted Saddle Horse, Champion Western Racking Horse, Champion Model (conformation) with the Plantation Walking Horse of Maryland, was high point Spotted Saddle Horse and Champion Western

Racking at the Virginia Gaited Jubilee in Lexington, Virginia, held by the Friends of the Sound Horse. All this is after Montana's Little Joe became extremely ill in 2006, almost died, and missed out on many trail rides and shows. Congratulations, Gale! We would also love to hear from other TROT members who participated in the Horse World Expo – tell us about your experiences there!

REMEMBER—YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT!

If you have not yet renewed for 2008, you can do so at the Annual Potluck Dinner. Or go to the TROT website at www.trot-md.org, and go to “Membership.” Download the membership form and mail with your annual dues to our membership chair. Please make checks payable to Trail Riders of Today. Send your renewal form and check to:

Jeanne Bond, TROT Membership Chair

494 Christopher Road, Warwick, MD 21912

Phone: 410-275-1858 (home) 301-520-5350 (cell)

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RIDERS TO THE RESCUE

Tomi' Finkle, Team Commander

TROT Search and Rescue

The TROT Search and Rescue (TROTSAR) Mounted Team has successfully completed an application process to become a certified as a Non-Government Organization (NGO) (all-volunteer) Search and Rescue Team by the Maryland Natural Resource Police (MNRP) and the Maryland State Police (MSP). The validation and verification process began in January of this year and was conducted by MNRP Sergeant Mel Adams and Corporal Brent Trautman (the process organizers), which earn them the Governor's Award for Excellence for their program. Effective January 1, 2008 law enforcement agencies within the State of Maryland will be encouraged to activate/deploy the search and rescue (SAR) teams who have completed the validation process. Currently the TROTSAR Mounted Team is one of only four SAR who have met the requirements of the validation process. It should be noted the Maryland (State level) process is very similar to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) search and rescue team validation process, which the TROTSAR Mounted Team also completed in July of 2006.

Some of the Team's local highlights include:

- The Washington Post (Montgomery County Edition) printed an article about the TROTSAR Mounted Team in the Thursday November 29, 2008 issue.
- Six Mounted Team members attended the 2007 Maryland Search Teams Task Force (MSTTF) annual Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) that was conducted in Frederick County Maryland during the second weekend in November.
- Team members Joyce Cowfer (Trot-24) and Sarah Fletcher (Trot-25) have recently passed the National Association of Search and Rescue SAR Technician III test, which is a nationally recognized certification. Please congratulate both of these team members for a job well done!
- Search team member Tara Winder (Trot-30) remains on active duty deployment in central Iraq. Tara is deployed with her US Air Force Unit and is expected to return in February of 2008. Please keep her your thoughts and prayers.

The TROTSAR Mounted Team is on call 24/7 and ready to assist local and State government agencies with the search of lost and missing persons. More information about the TROTSAR Mounted Team can be found online at www.trotsar.org or by emailing officers@trotsar.org

See SAR photos page 11

ANNOUNCEMENT—New Officers for TROT SAR

TROT SAR is pleased to announce the newly elected Search Team officers for 2008 – 2009:

Commander - Tomi` Finkle
Assistant Commander - Laurie Platt
Treasurer - Jacquie Cowan
Secretary - Pete Fields
Board Member - Juanita Hayes

TROT congratulates these dedicated volunteers and is extremely proud of the accomplishments of the TROT Search and Rescue.

EPIC Update

Naomi Manders

EPIC (Equestrian Partners in Conservation) is a non-profit organization founded in 2006 to address the needs of Montgomery County equestrians. During the first Public Forum held in Poolesville at which TROT was represented several key concerns were identified. Almost all of the attendees there spoke of trails and access to Open Space as critical to the preservation of equestrians and their facilities.

It was immediately evident that conservation of Open Space was critical to trails, equestrian facilities and their related agricultural needs (hay and grain production, pasture management, equine support businesses such as tack supply and even the availability of labor to staff these needs). The list does not end here.

So EPIC was formed to represent the entire equine industry and hopefully resolve some of these issues. EPIC differs from TROT in that TROT is focused primarily on trail preservation, an important task which is ultimately dependent on relationships with private and public landowners. Therefore it is very important for TROT members to recognize and support EPIC.

Since EPIC's incorporation in 2006 several things have been accomplished:

- * Several large parcels of Open Space have been purchased with perpetual public access written into the Conservation Easement thus guaranteeing trails.
- * The President of EPIC was given a position with Montgomery County (Park & Planning Agency) thus guaranteeing all equestrians participation in the Agency's decisions.
- * Two public trails were negotiated through private lands. Phase 1 of the Dry Seneca Trail opened last September with a public ride (40 attendees) and a great tailgate lunch hosted by EPIC. A full page article appeared in local newspapers. Phase 2 of this trail will be signed and opened in 2008.
- * The Breezy Trail in Boyds is currently under signage planning----it is a very long trail and although technically "open" now, must have signage to keep riders on track through private property as negotiated via EPIC.

So please check the EPIC website www.EPICmontgomery.org, and ask your equestrian facility to support EPIC by becoming an EPIC barn. There are several ways to do this as delineated on the website. The organization stands on its accomplishments which cannot move forward without each and every one of you speaking with a unified voice for horses and trails!

Submitted by Naomi Manders, Board Member, EPIC and (TROT Member)

TROT newsletter sent to commercial stables

Ron MacNab

The TROT newsletter is now being sent to commercial riding stables in Montgomery County. Stable managers are requested to post the newsletter for their clients. This is part of TROT's efforts to keep the riding community informed about their trails and to increase TROT participation and membership.

TROT Transitions Two Key Roles

Pricilla Huffman

Our membership committee and web site both have new coordinators. Jeanne Bond has accepted the position of membership chair, succeeding Melinda Bennett, and Harold Goldstein is our new webmaster, succeeding Lisa Graff.

Melinda Bennett brought a new level of organizational and technical capability to our membership database, and we thank her for all of her contributions over the last few years. She is handing off a well-organized and accurate database of members.

Lisa Graff has worked with our web site for several years. She redesigned the site, added many new pages, and updated the web site regularly. We're grateful for the time and effort that she put into the web site over the years.

Our new coordinators, Jeanne and Harold, also bring much experience to their roles.

Jeanne, formerly a lifetime resident of PG County,

now lives on the Eastern Shore in Cecil County with her friend Stan, 4 charming horses, and a very personable barn cat. Her current challenge is to get her 4-yr old Lusitano going under saddle so he can be her trail horse for the coming season. Those of you who know Jeanne are aware of how much energy she has, and she has moved into her new role with great enthusiasm. As a result of her support, we already have 400 renewed and new members at the beginning of the year.

Harold Goldstein and his wife Janet live in Highland (Howard County) with their three thoroughbreds, a fat mini, 5 cats and a dog. They can ride modest trails right out the front door or ride over to nearby Schooley Mill. They also spend a lot of time on their bicycles. Harold has been doing website development for over a dozen years (see <http://goldray.com/webfolio.htm>). If you've looked at our web site recently you can see many updates that Harold has incorporated into the site. He welcomes your suggestions.

TROT Maryland Horse Expo Booth

Many thanks to the following individuals who volunteered to work the TROT booth and to Janet MacNab for organizing and scheduling our Expo volunteers this year.

Thursday January 17

Anne Bennof
Marilyn Miller
Pat Merson
Kathy Dobson
Gale Monahan
Ellen Williams
Janet MacNab
Pat Oliva

Carol Hysong

Saturday January 19

Judith Robinson
Janet & Ron MacNab
Laury Lobel
Nancy Osgood
Pat Talbott
Leslie Donovan

Friday January 18

Valerie Helfrich
Kyle Jossi
Mike Gafney
Lisa Hackett
Barbara & Dennis Webb
Marcia Marshall

Sunday January 20

Susan Gray
Mike Caruso
Angela Jones
Deneen Martin
Michelle Beachley
Priscilla & Dick Huffman



TROT Treasurer's Report

Kathy Dobson

October 2007 TROT Treasurer's Report

October 2007 Expenses: \$618.84

Gasch Printing - October 2007 Newsletter: \$453.57

P. Oliva - Reimburse for conference expenses:
\$113.87

Verizon bill (TROT Information Line): \$21.35

P. Bree- Reimburse for conference expenses: \$20.62

M. Bennett - Reimburse for postage: \$9.43

October 2007 Income: \$675.45

Memberships: \$480.00

Directory Ads: \$124.00

Shirt Sales: \$60.00

Interest from Time Deposit: \$8.34

Interest from Savings: \$3.11

Bank Balances as of November 1, 2007:

Checking Acct: \$2,722.96

Savings Acct: \$13,927.61

Time Deposit (Mapping Fund): \$6,816.03

November 2007 TROT Treasurer's Report

November 2007 Expenses: \$21.79

Verizon Bill (TROT Information Line): \$21.79

November 2007 Income: \$1,450.71

Donations: \$501.50

Shirt Sales: \$478.00

Memberships: \$460.00

Interest from Time Deposit: \$8.35

Interest from Savings: \$2.86

Bank Balances as of December 1, 2007:

Checking Acct: \$2,767.69

Savings Acct; \$15,159.97

Time deposit (Mapping Fund): \$6,824.38

Renewal stuffing parties

Ron McNab

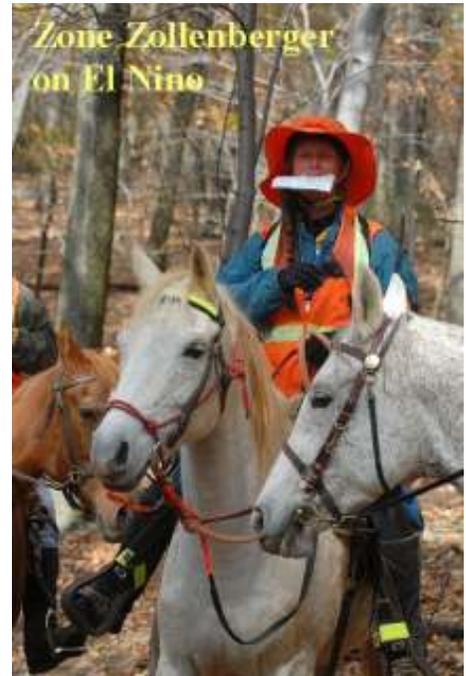
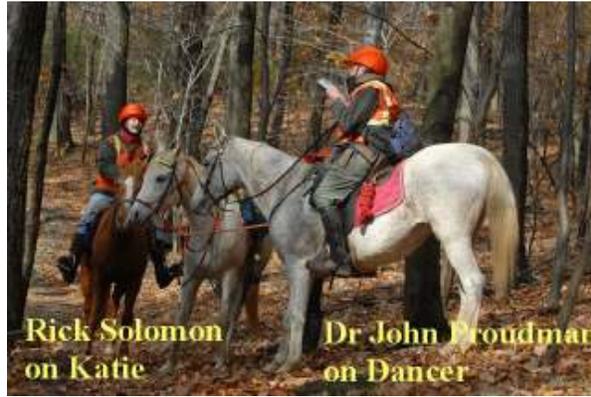
Thanks to the efforts of several TROT members who gave up two evenings to hold membership renewal stuffing parties. So far we have over 400 renewed and new members.

(Editor's note: Thanks to the MacNab's for hosting these get-togethers at their beautiful home.)



SAR photos

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Trail Guides

The following volunteers are willing to show TROT members their favorite trails on an individual basis. Contact them to arrange a personal guided trail ride.

Blockhouse Point (Farm Loop on Canal at Violettes Lock)

Naomi Manders e-mail: Nmanders@aol.com

Cactoctin Mountain Park and Little Bennett

Marilynn Miller 301-898-7274

EPIC Trail at Dry Seneca Creek, Poolesville

This is mostly private with a sanctioned public route - exceptionally good footing, easy trail, good for exercising in winter. THIS IS NOT THE Great Seneca Greenway Trail that goes to Patuxent!

Naomi Manders e-mail: Nmanders@aol.com

Montgomery Agricultural Farm Park and Annapolis Rock

Deneen Martin 301-253-2955

Patuxent State Park off Howard Chapel Road

Allison Abernathy 301-493-5590

Patuxent State Park, Rachel Carson and Rock Creek Park

Laury Lobel

laurylobel@verizon.net or 301-774-9595

Patapsco State Park off Marriotsville Road

Elizabeth Baran

She is available during the week and would love to show other TROT members the trails.

H: 410-442-5006 C: 410-245-8942

Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD

Karen Kraushaar

kraushaar@verizon.net or 301-208-0767

If you would like to volunteer to show other TROT members your favorite trails contact:

Nancy Osgood at nlogood@verizon.net

CLASSIFIED ADS

To place an ad

email: nlogood@verizon.net

TROT Members: Regular (100 word) ad FREE!

Non-member rates:

- Classified ads - \$6.00 for first 100 words
\$0.10 for each additional word
- Business Card - \$6.00
- 1/4 page ad - \$25
- 1/2 page ad - \$40
- full page ad - \$75
- Insert (all copies delivered to our printer) - \$50

For Sale: BLM CON BRIO. Handsome, sweet, 3 ½ year old gelding, 14.1 hands, warm-blood cross. Competed BN, 5th at first event. Potential BN, N, & T-level top winner. Great gaits, dressage talent, excellent jumper. Hunted in 3rd (walking) field with MHC, low over fences at MD hunter paces, loves trail riding. Loads, clips, ties, no shoes, easy keeper. Wears a miracle collar. Has had perfect care since 4 months old. To horse-lover with turn out only. \$4,000 (443) 871-9224 or Diane531@verizon.net

SPECIAL: for TROT members. **Great gift idea!**

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For sale: Gaited Trail Horse.

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For Sale: BLM SILVER CHALLIS. Very flashy 3 ½ year old mare, 15.2 hands, black roan/grey, Appaloosa/mustang cross, brave, fabulous personality, green but unusually quiet, very good on trails, sound, barefoot, no vices, trailers/ties/stands, easy keeper. Named after her home town in Challis, Idaho, she has had perfect care since she was 5 months old. \$2,500 to horse-lover home with turn out only. 443-871-9224 or Diane531@verizon.net

For Sale: 2003 Sundowner Valulite BP/DR/ Ramp: Maintained regularly (wheels/electric/ etc.) Window installed between horse area and DR for more air flow. Air Vents over each stall. Windows in front wall of DR also for better air flow. Insulated. Stays cool even in hot sun. Escape doors on each side. Loading lights, lights over each stall, lights in and out of DR. I pull with 1500 Dodge Ram easily. Great great trailer. **Price: \$11,500.** Email for more pics.

gmemail@verizon.net or call my cell 301-775-0079. Gale Monahan

HELP WANTED - PROJECT ASSISTANT : The Humane Society of the United States in Gaithersburg seeks an Equine Project Assistant to serve as primary contact for Equine Protection Dept.; manage all correspondence (calls, letters, e-mails), develop/maintain materials & resources on equine protection issues; assist with other dept projects/programs. Knowledge of MSOffice, excellent communication & org skills w/client service background. Knowledge/experience w/horses preferred & college degree desired. Low-mid 30K + award winning benefits. Send letter/resume Attn: 4344-40 to HRJobs@humanesociety.org or fax 301-548-7701.

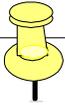
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Wanted:

- ◇ Members to contact local merchants for **donations for Silent Auction** and volunteers to help on the Committee for the Annual Dinner/Silent Auction. Contact: Kyle Jossi bossyjossi@netscape.com
- ◇ **Volunteers** to show other TROT members your favorite trails. Contact: **Nancy Osgood at nlosood@verizon.net**
- ◇ **Trail Ride Coordinator:** Please contact Kyle Jossi or any board member if you are interested.

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I hope everyone can make it to the annual Potluck and Silent Auction (details inside). If you have never come before – I encourage you to “just do it” this year. It is a lot of fun – and an unbelievable selection of great food! Besides trail riding, a lot of our members are pretty good in the kitchen too. Where else can you find such a great group of people? It’s one dinner party I never worry about making small talk – everyone is talking horses – our favorite topic! Last year the silent auction had a great array of items – I donated a brand new boot bag, some horse-hair jewelry that I had made, some electric fencing hardware, and some horsey fleece jackets. I came home with a great fabric tote bag with an adorable horse appliqué, and some miscellaneous tack – all at great prices!

I also hope everyone got to go to the Horse World Expo this year. TROT had a very nice booth – we talked with lots of people, and signed up some new members that share our commitment to trail preservation. A huge thank-you goes to Janet and Ron MacNab for coordinating TROT’s Horse World Expo activities.



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