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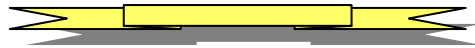
## Judged Pleasure Ride - Rescheduled

Saturday, September 19, 2009

TROT's Judged Pleasure Ride has been rescheduled. No rain planned this time. Get your trail riding friends back out on the trail with you and practice, practice, practice once again. We need lots of entries but also need volunteers to help with this fundraising event. There are jobs for judges, parking directors, entry takers and general helpers.

Registration form on pages 7, 8 or on TROT website <http://www.trot-md.org/>

To volunteer contact Deneen Martin: phone (301) 253-2955 or email [deneenmartin7@msn.com](mailto:deneenmartin7@msn.com). Thank you!



**Help Needed for Judged Pleasure Ride: Judges and Judges' Assistants**

**Volunteer and bring a friend to help**

**Saturday September 19 - 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM**

Please contact Deneen Martin at [deneenmartin7@msn.com](mailto:deneenmartin7@msn.com)

## JUNE TROT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – A SUCCESS AMID THE THUNDERSTORMS!

*Nancy Osgood*

TROT held a meeting for members on June 9, 7:30-9:30 pm. There was a good turnout – considering that severe thunderstorms had just moved through the area! Many folks were late because the storms took down a tree which closed Route 108 – the main road to Damascus! But the effort was well worth braving the storms. Everyone had fun networking, we were introduced to some new members, and we had a grand banquet of tasty finger foods. No one went home hungry!

Ron MacNab, TROT President, gave an interesting talk about GPS systems used for trail riding. It was great that there were many folks there who had experience with GPS systems – so we got a lot of good information, as well as a lot of good questions and discussions. There are many hand-held GPS systems on the market, and they all have different features and capabilities. Some include maps (roads, topography, and geography) and some just track. Someone sitting next to me had one with the maps. It was

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## President's Message

We had a terrific Membership Meeting in June that was well attended. Many thanks to Nancy Osgood and Sim Shanks for obtaining and setting up the food and for the loan of their projector saving us the high cost of rental. I hope my presentation on using a GPS was helpful. I find using a GPS helps me better know the trails and surrounding park. I would like to hear from you about presentations you want to hear at future meetings, and suggested speakers. You can contact me at rmacnab@comcast.net.

The ground is slowly drying out, after a Spring of daily rainfall. Unfortunately the weather made it necessary to cancel a number of our scheduled rides not to mention the postponement of the Judged Pleasure Ride. But lost opportunities are being renewed and plans are being made for a great summer and early fall.

There are four rides planned for July and August; Union Mills, Piney Run, Patapsco Valley State Park, and Carroll Co. Equestrian Center. These will be new trails for me, and I love new trails! I guess it brings out boyhood fantasies of traveling with Captain Fremont and Kit Carson. Exploring new territory, celebrating at a Rendezvous (lunch) and then finding our way back to civilization. In this case, a pickup truck and trailer. Ridiculous, but life is short, please let me indulge.



The Carroll County Equestrian Center celebrated its' 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an open house celebration on July 11<sup>th</sup>. This was an all day event going from 9 AM to 4 PM. Anne Benoff manned a membership table for TROT. I hope you stopped by to see her and learned about all the wonderful trails in Carroll County

On Thursday August 6, the Maryland Secretary of Agriculture, the Maryland Horse Industry Board, and the Maryland Horse Council will hold the "**Maryland Equestrian Forum**". Governor Martin O'Malley is expected to give the keynote address. This event will be the premier forum in which Maryland leaders will learn and create an equestrian five year plan. TROT is on the planning committee. **The forum is open to everyone free of charge.** I highly encourage stable owners, pony clubs, avid trail riders and anyone interested in promoting equestrian interests in Maryland to participate in this conference. This is the forum to voice your suggestions and concerns. You can help shape the future of horse activities in Maryland. For those of you with the interest, this is a day worth taking off work to attend. It is that informative and important. For more information, visit [www.mdhorseforum.com](http://www.mdhorseforum.com).

See you on the trails!

*Ron MacNab, President*

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great – it showed rivers and streams, and also detailed topography. Some units are small and can be worn like a watch – definitely a plus if your horse is a bit antsy about standing still while you try to navigate.

By turning on the tracking function, the GPS records where you have been (it leaves a bread-crumbs trail) so you can backtrack if needed. These trails can be saved on a computer, so you can upload them the next time you go to the same area. And you can superimpose them on satellite photos using Google Earth. Ron and some other TROT members have been recording these trails and posting them on the TROT website ([www.TROT-MD.org](http://www.TROT-MD.org)). There was quite a bit of discussion regarding these trails and how they are gener-

ated, stored and used.

The basic messages I came away with were:

- (1) A hand-held GPS can really be a great way to navigate on a horse.
- (2) GPS systems vary in sophistication and features.
- (3) Not all hand-helds are user-friendly!
- (4) The more features you want, probably, the higher the price.
- (5) Some systems include maps with natural features (topography and rivers) as well as roads.
- (6) You don't have to be a computer-geek to learn how to download and upload trails (but it helps!)

Bottom line? I want one!

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## Membership Report

*Jeanne Bond, Membership Chairman*

As of June 23, TROT's membership total is 639, including 75 new members in 2009!

TROT would like to welcome our newest members:

Kathy Coviello  
Chantal Schreck  
Lauren Pollin and family

Arlington (VA)  
Harford  
Montgomery

Corinne Marie Pouliquen and family  
Kathryn Stanley and family  
Schweiss Farms, Art Schweiss

Montgomery  
Montgomery  
Prince George's

# County Updates

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## Need volunteers

as contacts or coordinators for **Baltimore, Calvert, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Talbot Counties**. If you have an interest to act in this capacity, please contact Ron MacNab, TROT President, [rmacnab@comcast.net](mailto:rmacnab@comcast.net) or call (301) 622-4157

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## Carroll County

Anne Bennof

One of our most popular riding venues in Carroll Co. is the beautiful Liberty Reservoir. Liberty is one of three reservoirs owned and managed by the City of Baltimore (the other two being Prettyboy and Loch Raven, both in Baltimore Co.). The City has published regulations governing those using the reservoir properties for recreation. While most rules govern hunting, fishing, boating, biking, etc., a few relate specifically to horseback riding, and we should be careful to heed them. Excerpts:

*Horseback riding is permitted on the unpaved woods roads*

*only. There are over 200 miles of such roads on the three Municipal Watersheds... Shortcutting between woods roads is prohibited.*

*No riding below the high water line or in the reservoirs and tributary streams (cross streams only where the trail crosses). Riding is not allowed when the roads are wet or muddy nor in the reservoirs, through any watercourse, wetlands or other environmentally sensitive areas.*

*No riding in areas where public congregates, specifically picnic areas, paved roads (except where necessary to reach woods roads), parking lots, shooting ranges, golf courses, shop & sawmill areas, or at boat docks.*

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## Charles County

Tomi` Finkle

Not much new here in Charles County. However, since there is currently not a County Coordinator for St. Mary's or Prince George's County, I've been recording trail reports for those areas too.

On Sunday June 7th, Magnum and I ventured north into Prince George's County and rode Rosaryville State Park (\*in Rosaryville Maryland). Rosaryville State Park is a 982 acre day-use facility and is home to the historic Mount Airy Mansion. Miles of trails for hiking, biking and equestrians are available for day use on the weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Except for a section of the Zone-1 lower trail (near the creek), I found the trails to be in good shape, despite all the rain that fell in the preceding days. You can spend several hours riding within the woodlands, field edges near and around the cross-country course (the jumps are closed except for permit use only). Local riding clubs (both equine and mountain bike) have done a great job re-routing trails within soggy areas of the park. Mountain bikers frequently use this facility, so expect to encounter them on the trail and please thank them for yielding right way.

I would rate the skill level required for the riding at Rosaryville to be advance beginner rider and above. There are a couple of moderate grades, but none more than 100 feet in length. There are also a couple of wooden bridges and few of water crossings. Please use caution when crossing over the cement pads that are placed in some of the drainage ar-

reas, a couple of them can become wobbly after heavy rains. Parking is available in the paved lot across from the dairy barn, or with a phone call to the park manager (and during dry field conditions) parking may be available in the field next to the dairy barn. With a permit and dry weather conditions, special event parking can be obtained for up to 75 horse trailers. Rosaryville State Park is a trash free facility so riders need to clean up after themselves.

The DNR sells an excellent map of this park for \$3.00. More information about Rosaryville State and the purchase of their topo map can be found online at: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/southern/rosaryville.html>

\* Information about Rosaryville Maryland:  
<[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosaryville,\\_Maryland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosaryville,_Maryland)>

Location/Directions - Located south of Upper Marlboro Maryland, 10 minutes from the Capital Beltway (via MD Rt. 4). To gain access to Rosaryville State Park, make a right turn into the entrance just south of Osborne Road while traveling south on U.S. 301 in Prince George's County.

PS: Ticks have been very heavy everywhere within the region that I have been riding, please make sure to protect yourself and your horse from these nasty insects. A second hand story I heard was about another lady who forgot her fly/tick spray and after riding pulled over 200 ticks off her horse after in riding in a Maryland State Park.

## Howard County

*Pat Oliva*

On June 2 I met with Raul Deianne, Park Planner Engineering Specialist, and the directors of Western Regional Park

and Schooley Mill Park. Also there was Clara Gouin who is working on the parking area for Benson Branch Park. We all talked about the plans for the parks and the trails. Things go very slowly but the secret is to keep gently pushing.

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## Montgomery County 2008 Highlights

*Ron MacNab*

The Upper Rock Creek Trail is now completed from Muncaster Mill Road to Muncaster Road. A short section is left to complete between Muncaster Road and the trails at the Agriculture History Farm Park. Many thanks to Joe Fritsch from MORE who organized the project and coordinated it with MNCPPC, and to Ronnie and Tom Martin from TROT who participated in every work day since the beginning of the project. It is because of volunteers like them and those who came before, that we all can enjoy the trails we have today.

Are you in a rut going to the same ole place and riding the same ole trails? It is easy to do. But spice up your riding experience. Here are a few trails, right here in Montgomery County, that you may want to visit.

**Hawlings River Park off Brighton Dam Rd.  
Northwest Branch/Wheaton Regional Park  
Fairland Park  
Upper Seneca Creek  
Breezy Loop  
Patuxent State Park off Long Corner Rd.**

If you ride on public trails that are not well known to other riders, please drop me a line. I want to keep a list of these gems.

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## Riders to the Rescue

*Tomi' Finkle, Team Commander*

Laurie Platt (Trot-15) recently retired from the Mounted Team after 7 years of service. She is fighting a serious illness that has taken away her ability to horseback ride and drive. Last month she moved back to Iowa to live with her parents on their family farm.. Prior to her retirement Laurie served the team's Assistant Commander and held the rank of Captain. Please keep Laurie in you thoughts and prayers.

Members of the TROTSAR Mounted Search & Rescue Team have been busy over the past two months. On May 1st and 2nd a total of seven team members spent two days searching on and along the Appalachian Trail near Buena Vista Virginia, for a missing (legally blind) hiker who had been missing for 5 days. After 2 days of searching the missing hiker was found alive and in good health. During this mission team members searched at elevations from 800 to over 4000 feet. On May 22nd two mounted team members were dispatched to Reva, Virginia for a missing 14 year old boy; he was found alive and well shortly after day-break. On May 24th two (2) mounted team members were dispatched to King George County Virginia to search for missing teenage girl with Downs syndrome; she was found alive and well a few hours after she was reported missing.

On May 10th team training was conducted on a (5000 acre) private farm in Broad Run, Virginia; Mark Eggeman, the Search and Rescue Coordinator for the State of Virginia observed the training exercise. On June 13th team training was conducted at Cedarville State Forest near Waldorf, Maryland; the team conducted search tasks on over 14 miles of trails.

Congratulations to team member Laurie Hanahan (Trot-29) for becoming certified in Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue and Equine Handling in Roadside Emergencies. Also, a job well done to John Marsh III (Trot-31) for passing his Ham Radio Operators license (KJ4MKJ). John is now the 5th team member who has obtained an amateur radio license.

The TROTSAR Mounted Team Inc. is a 501(C) 3 tax-exempt, non-profit, all-volunteer mounted search & rescue squad. Our mission is to assist federal, tribal, state and local government agencies by providing emergency search & rescue operations and/or lifesaving activities for people who are stranded, lost and/or the rescuing of victims in wilderness, rural and urban areas.

Ride Safe!



**John Proudman (Trot-17) on the Appalachian Trail Search in Amherst County VA.**

## Trailer breakdown - Thanks for all the help

*John and Nancy Wood, Trot Members*

On May 23rd, this year, my wife and I were escorting a 4-H teenager and trailering 2 horses to Woodstock Equestrian Park for a benefit trail ride on behalf of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Another Park Police volunteer and I had planned to lead groups of 4-H riders on 10 miles of the Woodstock trails. The 4-H participants had collected over \$2,800 in pledges to be donated to St. Jude's. During the past 15 years, our 4-H club has contributed over \$31,000 to St. Jude's this way.

About 1 or 2 miles before we reached Barnesville on route 109, I noticed that I had lost my power steering. Then I realized that my engine had cut out, so I coasted to the bottom of a hill and pulled as far off the narrow road as possible. I didn't see at the time that my horse trailer stopped right at the edge of a 5-foot dropoff and I had no way to pull it forward or away from the edge.

My wife and I were surprised at all the help that showed up on that remote country road. The very first 2 cars to go by stopped to help. They got out of their cars, examined the situation, offered advice, helped direct traffic, and tried to diagnose what happened to my truck while I stood in the middle of the road trying to keep oncoming vehicles from

coming too close to my loaded trailer and knocking it over the edge with 2 horses on board. Then a Park Police officer stopped and offered to put out flares and call a tow truck. People even came out of their house across the road to see if there was something they could do.

Then a man, who had previously stopped, came back to help despite the fact that he had to find a place miles up the road to turn around his dually truck pulling a large flatbed trailer. He volunteered to tow our truck and trailer to a safer location where we would have room to offload the horses. Fortunately, I had a chain so we could, at least, get away from that spot. About that time, another 4-H volunteer with a horse trailer stopped and offered to send back her brother with her truck to help us get us to Woodstock after she dropped off her horse.

By the time we found a safe place to pull off the road, yet another Trot member, 4-H parent, and Park Police volunteer found us and hauled our horses to Woodstock in her trailer, so we used the other volunteered truck to get us and the now-empty trailer to the trail ride site. I called a tow truck and had our truck towed into Poolesville for repair. It was the fuel-pump.

At a time when everything looked to be going wrong, the people who we ran into that day were wonderful to us. We hope some of them read this and accept our sincere thanks.

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### Possible Solution for breakdowns - Provided by a TROT member.

For your information there is an Equestrian Motor Plan called USRider which will tow your rig and find a place to keep your horse(s) in the event of a break down. The web address is: [www.usrider.org](http://www.usrider.org). They are quite reasonable and great peace of mind.

*Editor's Note:* This is only one plan. If you know of others, let us know at [nlogood@verizon.net](mailto:nlogood@verizon.net)

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## TROT Board Meeting Highlights – May 5, 2009.

The following items were discussed:

- ⇒ Final preparations for the Judged Pleasure Ride.
- ⇒ June membership meeting on June 9, including logistics and presentation.
- ⇒ Bylaws review. Several members have been reviewing the bylaws. Changes in the Elections Section may be

- recommended.
  - ⇒ The board approved a contribution (\$125) for portable john at Morgan Run.
  - ⇒ Pat Oliva will represent TROT at the Southeast Trail Council meeting.
  - ⇒ Ron MacNab and Naomi Manders will be working with the developer regarding equestrian easements on a new subdivision close to Dry Seneca Creek.
  - ⇒ Ron MacNab contributed articles for the Trails issue of the Equiery.
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## Treasurer's Report , July 7, 2009

*Susan B. Railey, TROT Treasurer*

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Checking	\$ 3,825.07
Savings	14,728.39
Certificate of Deposit	<u>6,242.27</u>
Total	<u>\$24,795.73</u>

3 Outstanding Invoices to be Paid as of July 7, 2009:  
\$ 294.77

Outstanding Deposits as of July 7, 2009:  
\$ -0-



## UPCOMING RIDES

Pat Talbott, Trail ride coordinator

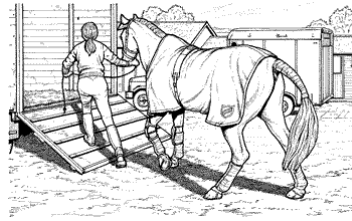
Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on the ride and for information about start time and directions.

All ride participants must:

- wear hard hats,
- be TROT members; (membership forms will be available at the ride for non-members).
- provide a copy of a current negative coggins for each horse.
- if needed, bring a snack for get together after the ride.

**Contact ride leader for details.**

For any additional questions about TROT rides, please contact Pat Talbott @ day (301) 628-4130 evenings & weekends (301) 704-7339 or [ptalbott@insuranceservices.com](mailto:ptalbott@insuranceservices.com) Most leaders volunteer year after year because they have so much fun! It's a great opportunity to meet other TROT members and maybe find a new trail buddy.



WANTED suggestions of other places to ride and volunteers to be ride leaders. Please contact Pat Talbott (see above).

**Aug 15 Saturday Piney Run Carroll County. CANCELLED, to be rescheduled**

**Aug 22 Saturday Patapsco Valley State Park.**  
Leader: Elizabeth Baran (410) 442-5006

The ride will be about 3 hours, with an easy pace, walking and some trotting where there is good footing. The footing in the park is rocky, I would recommend at least front shoes or Old Mac/EZ boots for the ride. There are several medium sized hills on the ride. We will be stopping at the Woodstock for lunch; you can buy lunch there or bring a lunch to eat there. They offer many types of food. It is \$2.00 to park at McKellden. This ride is led by Elizabeth. Call in advance if you plan to attend: H (410) 442-5006 or C (410) 245-8942

**Aug 29 Saturday Carroll County Equestrian Center, Gillis Falls Park.** Leader: Anne Bennof (301) 829-0949

The riders will assemble at the Carroll County Equestrian Center in Gillis Falls Park. We will ride trails in the park for a couple of hours, then take a time-out for lunch at the Bennof home, then back on the trails as we make our way back to the trailers. The pace will be mostly walk with an occasional trot because of the hilly, rocky terrain. Be prepared to bring a lunch and tie rope; we will provide drinks. This ride is led by Anne Bennof. Call in advance if you plan to attend, (301) 829-0949.

**Sept 12 Saturday Dry Seneca Creek, Poolesville.**  
Leader: Naomi Manders (301) 279-7994 or [naomimanders@verizon.net](mailto:naomimanders@verizon.net)

Dry Seneca Creek is a 5 mile one-way trail through private farms and parkland overlooking the Dry Seneca Creek in Poolesville. This trail is managed and maintained by EPIC (Equestrian Partners in Conservation) which has negotiated permission for the public to pass through private properties. EPIC's mission to preserve the equestrian heritage of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve supports the necessity of preserving connectivity via trails between the many equine facilities in the area. There is no charge for the ride.

This trail is an easy 3 hour round trip with excellent footing, 2 stream crossings and stunning views of sun-drenched farmlands and shady, wooded overviews of the stream valley. Terrain is gentle with a few grades, shoes probably not needed, one road crossing but no adequate parking yet. Our ride will meet on one of the private farms in the area (to be determined). Bring something for informal tailgate after the ride. Please visit [www.epicmontgomerycounty.org](http://www.epicmontgomerycounty.org). This ride is led by Naomi Manders. Call in advance if you plan to attend: (301) 279-7994 or [naomimanders@verizon.net](mailto:naomimanders@verizon.net)

**Sept 19 Saturday Montgomery Agricultural History Farm Park.** Leader: Linda Reed (410) 489-7430 or [robertreed@verizon.net](mailto:robertreed@verizon.net)

**Oct 10 Saturday Catoctin Mountain Park.**  
Leader: Marilyn Miller (301) 898-7274

**Oct 31 Saturday Little Bennett Halloween Ride.**  
Leader: Maureen & Jim Henry (301) 371-4868

**Nov 7 Saturday Upper Patauxent River State Park.**  
Leader: Suzanne Anderson (301) 829-3881 evenings or [trailsendfarm@verizon.net](mailto:trailsendfarm@verizon.net)

The trails are hilly but not too rocky. There will be river crossings and depending on the rainfall mud or dust. The ride will be 2 ½ to 3 hours mostly walk and trot. Bring a sandwich for lunch after the ride. Suzanne will provide chips and soda. Bring water for your horse as there is no water at the trailer parking site. Contact Suzanne in the evenings at 301 829 3881 or email at [trailsendfarm@verizon.net](mailto:trailsendfarm@verizon.net)

**Nov 14 Saturday Anacostia Park.**  
Leader: John Angevine (301) 937-0014.

This is a favorite TROT ride that closes out our ride season. Folks who have attended this ride say they are amazed with the spacious trails and beautiful scenes along the Anacostia River so close to downtown DC. The ride may encounter bikes, fishermen, some asphalt, as well as a scenic view of the historic Lincoln Cemetery. Contact John at 301-937-0014



## TROT Judged Pleasure Ride

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Date: September 19, 2009  
 The Time: Registration opens at 10:00 AM,  
 Closes at noon  
 The Place: Agricultural History Farm Park  
 18400 Muncaster Rd  
 Derwood, MD 20855  
 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 approximately 6 miles. 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 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.

(continued next page.)

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## TROT Judged Pleasure Ride

### Please send:

Entry form (1 for each horse/rider entered)  
 Entry fee of \$27 (make check payable to TROT)  
 Copy of each horse's **negative Coggins test**  
 to: **Deneen Martin**  
**7201 Damascas Rd.**  
**Laytonsville, MD 20882**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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 18)
2. Novice (adults who have never placed in a Judged Pleasure Ride)
3. Open (adults)

Horse class on reverse page (**circle one**)

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 or chore with forethought and safety.

**The Prizes:** Oldest horse, Oldest rider, and Youngest rider; Champion and Reserve Champion according to highest scores, 1st – 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons for each class (see Entry Form for Class List). Also, this will be the 7th year for the Irving Abb Memorial Trophy to the Ride's Champion.

**Bring:** Water for you and your horse and a picnic lunch.

**Questions?** Email Ride Manager Deneen Martin at [deneenmartin7@msn.com](mailto:deneenmartin7@msn.com)

**Wet trails?** Call for cancellation information  
Phone (301) 622-4157

### Directions to Agriculture History Farm Park

**From Frederick** I-70 towards Baltimore, take exit 68 MD27 to Damascus (6.3 miles), turn left on Main St. which turns into SR108. Follow SR108 for 10.1 miles, turn right on Muncaster Rd to park entrance on right (2.2 miles).

**From Baltimore** I-70 towards Frederick, take South SR97 11.4 miles, turn right on Brookeville Rd for 2.8 miles, bear right on SR108 for 0.2 miles, turn left on Muncaster Rd to park entrance on right (2.2 miles).

**From I-270** take east Shady Grove Rd 3.6 miles, turn right on Muncaster Mill Rd for 0.3 miles, turn left on Muncaster Rd to park entrance on left (1.3 miles).

**Looking forward to seeing you there!**

Cut along line

For the Horse, **Circle One**

- A. Quarter Horses
- B. Arabians and Half 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 ( no particular breed )
- 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 Trial Riders of Today, its representatives, or the MC-MNCPPC 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 \_\_\_\_\_



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## Pleasure/fun trail ride

*Kathy Coviello, TROT Member*

There will be a pleasure/fun trail ride at Morven Park in Leesburg, VA on Saturday 31 October 2009. The ride is hosted by the Virginia Appaloosa Horse Club ( [www.va4apps.com](http://www.va4apps.com) ) and TROT ( [www.trot-md.org](http://www.trot-md.org) ) members (as well as others) are welcome on the ride. This is not a TROT club ride, but TROT members are more than welcome to attend and participate.

The ride will be approx 5 miles long through Morven Park ( <http://www.morvenpark.org/>

[equestrian.center.php](http://equestrian.center.php) ). Ms. Shannon Pedlar, who is the Director of Events on the staff of Morven Park Equestrian Center is our ride leader/guide. The exact ride time is not set as of today, but I am looking to probably an 11:00AM start, so it will warm up a bit and have us back between 12:30-1:00PM so folks can then enjoy tail-gate lunches. All riders will have to pay a \$20 grounds fee to Morven Park and sign liability release forms. There are no other horse events scheduled for the park that day. The ride will be a relaxing ride- mostly walk, some short trot stretches where the going is

good. Footing is generally superb and we will be avoiding the rocky areas of the park (by request).

Morven Park is a 1000 acre facility with beautiful grounds. Folks won't have to contend with fall hunters and the foliage should hopefully be beautiful. I have reserved a five horse trailer with Horse Jitney ( <http://www.horsejitney.com/> ) for this event should anyone from Howard County wish to share the costs of a hired trailer ride for the day.

My contact data is [baylady7@aol.com](mailto:baylady7@aol.com) or cell/home# 732-768-3302

## Scavenger Hunt

*Val Kit, TROT Member*

Ride in the 4th annual Scavenger Hunt at Fair Hill Natural Resource Area on Saturday, August 15, 2009 (rain date August 22). This event is being held to help North East, MD's Relay For Life ( [www.relaybythebay.org](http://www.relaybythebay.org) ) raise money for the American Cancer Society. If any questions, call 610-869-6001 or email [bkdepaul@comcast.net](mailto:bkdepaul@comcast.net) .

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

On May 28, 2009, an email was sent to all TROT members urging them to contact Congressional representatives regarding funding for the **Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**. This program is in danger of not being re-authorized. Since its inception, the RTP has provided approximately \$730 million for thousands of state and local trail projects across the country, including many that benefit equestrians. If Congress does not re-authorize this program this year, the RTP could no longer be available to recreational riders. It is vitally important that the recreational riding community let Congress know how important the RTP is to all recreational riders around the country. RTP is one of the few sources for federal funding of trail projects that are not on federal land available to equestrians. The program has been a great resource for equestrians to fund projects in their state and local parks. **If you have not already done so, please drop an email to your Representative and Senators to urge them to support funding for the Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program (RTP). It is quick and easy!**

### Do You Know - (more information added)

Information about the **next TROT Trail ride** is on the home page of the TROT web site: <http://www.trot-md.org/>.

You will also find a link to:

- Coming Rides/Events (always see [calendar](#) and/or contact leader for details),
- Information on the next TROT BOARD Meeting, and
- Latest Newsletter (also available is an [archive of past issues](#))

YAHOO Groups you might find informative:

**Maryland Trail Riders** group is for equestrians who want to share information and news about trail riding in Maryland and neighboring states, find out or schedule a trail ride, find a trail riding buddy, arrange transportation to a trail ride, ask questions about a particular trail, etc. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MarylandTrailRiders/join>

**TROT-Members Yahoo Group** is for members of Trail Riders of Today (TROT), we hope you will find this Yahoo Group both enjoyable and useful. Please feel free to share information about upcoming TROT events, share your thoughts about the preservation of existing equestrian trails and/or to promote the establishment of new ones. You can post last minute plans to go horseback riding, share your view points on general horse talk and even post photos of yourself or your horse. <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/TROT-Members/join>

### Maryland Competitive Trail Ride

*Ron MacNab, TROT Member*

Sponsored by Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association ([www.ECTRA.org](http://www.ECTRA.org))

25 Mile Ride - Sunday September 6. - Cost is \$56.

Location: 5025 Damascus Road, Goshen Hunt Kennels, Laytonsville, MD

Contact : Brenda Senseney at 301-253-4182 or email [gsenseney@comcast.com](mailto:gsenseney@comcast.com)

Participants and volunteers needed.

### Trot Membership Meeting – Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

*Kyle Jossi*

- **Membership meeting and pot luck dinner**
- **Pat Talbott's farm near Frederick,**
- **MD.Lorrie Bracaloni will present a demonstration of Holistic Horse Therapies.**

I met Lorrie at a Richard Shrake clinic we attended this past Spring. She had originally planned to talk to our group for just a few minutes, but several hours later people were still asking questions about her techniques and how they applied to our horses. At this demo, she will use 2 Trot horses to explain how to tell when your horse is in pain and specific

techniques you can use to balance and realign them to make them more comfortable. Her approach is to teach the rider/owner how to fix their own horse. Pat's barn has an indoor ring, so this event will be held rain or shine. Bring a folding chair. After Lorrie's presentation, we'll have a pot-luck dinner and Lorrie will hang around to answer questions. Please plan to attend, what you learn could make a huge difference in your horse's life.

Contact Kyle Jossi at 301-570-3860 or [bossyjossi@verizon.net](mailto:bossyjossi@verizon.net) if you are planning to attend.

## 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: [NaomiManders0@gmail.com](mailto:NaomiManders0@gmail.com)

**Breezy Loop Boyds, MD** an easy hour and 15 minutes.

Naomi Manders e-mail: [NaomiManders0@gmail.com](mailto:NaomiManders0@gmail.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 Greeway Trail that goes to Patuxent! 10 miles round trip

Naomi Manders e-mail: [NaomiManders@verizon.net](mailto:NaomiManders@verizon.net)

**Gunpowder State Park at Sweet Air (Harford County)**

Karen Penharlow, (410) 236-9365 or [KlawPaws@aol.com](mailto:KlawPaws@aol.com)

**Little Bennett Park**

Jim and Maureen Henry (301)-371-4868.

**Montgomery Agricultural History Farm Park and Annapolis Rock** Deneen Martin (301) 253-2955

**Patuxent River State Park, Rachel Carson and**

**Rock Creek Park,** Laury Lobel

(301) 774-9595 or [laurylobel@verizon.net](mailto:laurylobel@verizon.net)

**Patapsco State Park off Marriotsville Road**

Elizabeth Baran

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

**H:** (410) 442-5006 **C:** (410) 245-8942

**Sugarloaf Mt.** Vicki Bazan (301) 831-8715

**Sugarloaf Mt.** Janine Borofka (301) 874-0770

**Union Mills/Kowomu Trail**

Also Liberty Reservoir trails [off Deer Park Road] and Morgan Run Trails.

Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691 or [ivysmink@qis.net](mailto:ivysmink@qis.net)

**Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD**

Karen Kraushaar (301) 208-0767 or [kraushaar@verizon.net](mailto:kraushaar@verizon.net)

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

**Nancy Osgood** at [nlosgood@verizon.net](mailto:nlosgood@verizon.net)

## Need a ride/Share a ride!

Do you have a two or three horse trailer, but don't like traveling alone? Do you have a horse, but no trailer? TROT organizes some great trail rides throughout Maryland. It would be a shame to miss those fun times because you don't like to travel alone or because you don't have a trailer. We want to provide a forum space for people looking for a traveling partner, so please write to the TROT Newsletter at [nlosgood@verizon.net](mailto:nlosgood@verizon.net).

You just might find someone who lives around the corner from you who would love to share a ride (and with gas prices the way they are, someone who might be willing to share expenses)!

Submitted by **JODY KNOX**

I just moved my horse around the Schooley Mill Park area, in Highland Maryland near 108 and 216. I am looking for trails to ride on and my horse and myself are not opposed to riding an hour out and back to ride on trails. Also, I do not have a trailer, however I am willing to share expenses to trailer to anywhere there is great trail riding. I am looking for someone who is willing to stay out on the trails for hours as my horse and myself enjoy all day riding. Please feel free to contact me on my cell 410-852-6612 Happy Trails!!

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**Pony For Sale:** Ginger - Will follow along nicely on trail rides. 13'2" mare, very pretty bay. Very child safe but outgrown. Easy to care for and a great baby-sitter. A good home is a must. Damascus, MD. Call Mary (301) 391-6683.

**For Sale: Parelli Level 1 Partnership Program**, complete set of books and DVDs. \$95. **Parelli Level 2 Harmony Program**, complete set of books, cards, and DVDs: \$95. Both for \$175. Call Jeanne at 410-275-1858



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**Registered black TWH gelding for sale:** 16.1 hands, 12 years old. Smooth gait, very kind personality. Great on trails, very brave, not spooky. Will lead or follow on trails. Has been on many large trail rides. Stands well on the pickett line for overnight camping trips. Trailers easily, clips, stands for farrier. Has been both field boarded and stall boarded, easy keeper. Owner has become ill and is unable to ride him. Asking \$3,500.00 Call Elizabeth for more info. 410-245-8942



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Call Kathy at (301) 776-8954.

**Young TB** who is great on trails, and would love to trailer pool to some of the far-flung places around. I live on the north side of Sugarloaf Mountain and would be happy to guide someone around. Generally I ride during the week-days, with some weekends.  
Janine Borofka [quietrockfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:quietrockfarm@yahoo.com) (301) 874-0770

**Experienced rider wanted** to lease my 3 yo GAITED Rocky Mountain gelding (has had 9 months professional training) and go on quiet rides with me in West Laurel. call Kathy at (301) 776-8954 for more details.

**Saddle for sale:** County Desprie saddle. 17 W. Black. Very versatile saddle, three saddles in one. Can be adjusted for forward seat, all purpose and dressage. Very comfortable. Great condition. \$1500. Call Lisa at (301) 253-9243.

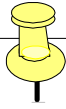
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Please call Steve at 703-887-1799 with questions and to view





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*from the Newsletter Staff*

### **JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE RESCHEDULED NEW DATE - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009**

Thanks to the hard work of various TROT Board Members, the JPR has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 19. Please see the detailed information inside on page 7,8.

To all you kind people who volunteered – we still need you! Please note that you should now contact Deneen Martin, who graciously agreed to take over the work of organizing the ride from Marilyn Miller. Thanks to Marilyn for supporting the JPR for so many years, and for Deneen for stepping up to the plate once again!

The July TROT Newsletter was delayed so that we could publish the rescheduled date once it was confirmed.



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