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TROT Annual Dinner

TROT's annual dinner was held Saturday night, February 25 at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Over 70 people attended and a great time was had by all! As usual, TROT cooks outdid themselves—the food was scrumptious; the silent auction a real money raiser (it's always fun to watch good friends outbid each other!); and the speaker, Jim Brainard, a trailering expert, was really interesting. Jim explained why some of those trailering things we (hopefully) do almost without thinking really make sense. For example, it is important when trailering a two horse tag along to have the heaviest (or sole) horse on the left because if you run off the pavement to the right and get the trailer tires caught in a rut or low area of the shoulder, it is less likely the trailer will flip over if most of the trailer weight is on the left. Similarly, it is important



to diagonally cross the two chains between the tow vehicle and the pull along. Why?? Because the crossed chains can help catch and hold the tow ball and arm in place if this slips out of the hitch while you are driving. Additionally, crossed chains better control a loose trailer.

TROT President, Priscilla Huffman, did a great job mc'ing the dinner and program afterwards. She summarized key TROT's activities during the year, including the well attended judge pleasure ride, the many TROT trail rides, the publication of the updated membership directory, and the renewed push to increase membership.

According to Priscilla, our membership is increasing! Our goal is to once again say, "We represent more than 1,000 members statewide!"

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TROT JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE

Saturday, June 3, 2006

Registration opens at 10:00 AM, closes at noon

Agricultural History Farm Park

18400 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, MD 20855

\$27 per horse/rider Post entry \$32

Hard hats and current negative Coggins test required

(For further information see pages 5-6)

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President's message.....

The TROT booth at January's Horse World Expo in Timonium, Maryland, is always an enjoyable way to stay in touch with old trail friends and make contacts with new ones. Our booth this year was in a new location near stallion row so hopefully that got us some additional visibility.

We again displayed our "Where Do You Ride?" map created by Kyle Jossi, so that members and booth visitors could get phone numbers of others who ride in their area. Bev Fox, a long-time member, provided us with a beautiful updated TROT brochure to distribute to potential members. Several young riders stopped by our booth. It's especially rewarding to talk with these younger riders who are our future trail stewards.

Special thanks are in order for Laura Guerra, who coordinated this year's volunteers. That job requires lots of e-mails and phone calls, and we are grateful to Laura for her time in organizing our booth staffing. We are also grateful to Anne Bennof for both setting up and dismantling our display. We understand Jim Brainard, our annual dinner speaker this year, gave Anne a hand with the set up.

Thanks from TROT to the following members who staffed our booth for the 2006 Expo:

Michelle Beachley
Laura Guerra
Amy Kimble
Gale Monahan

Judy Brodbeck
Brenda Harrison
Deneen Martin
Barbara Sollner-Webb

Marjon Davis
Priscilla Huffman
Marilynn Miller
Pat Talbott

Please consider joining our booth team next year and help spread the word about trail preservation!

Priscilla Huffman
President, TROT



Priscilla presented beautiful plaques to our county coordinators and a special book on women and horses to Mary Angevine for her many years of tireless work advocating for trails in Prince George's County. Mary has



almost single-handedly raised the awareness of county officials as to the importance of preserving equestrian trails in her county. Good job, Mary. Thanks for all the wonderful work! It has really paid off.

Tim McGraff, coordinator for Montgomery County, reviewed some of the trail issues faced by Montgomery County. Tim reported that Naomi Manders, a TROT member and trails staff person for the Montgomery County agency responsible for approving subdivisions, trails and parks, recently retired. Naomi's departure is a real loss to TROT. For many years she was our eyes and ears within her agency, often alerting us to situations where TROT's input directly resulted in preserving existing trails or creating new ones as properties were subdivided. Our very best to Naomi in her new endeavors. Tim also reported that Naomi and other horse enthusiasts in the county are in the process of forming EPIC, Equestrian Partners in Conservation. This organization, still in its formative stages, is being developed to support all segments of the horse industry in the county. We look forward to EPIC's support in our effort to preserve trails countywide.

Anne Bennoff gave the county report for Carroll County. According to Anne, although you can't see it yet, good progress is being made in completing the equestrian trail system in Gillis Falls Park. Anne expects trail construction to begin shortly.

Pat Oliva had great news regarding Howard County. Her assessment as to the county's increasing receptivity to equestrians trails was echoed by TROT member, Lee Moser, a member of the state Trails & Greenways committee who also has talked with Howard County officials on horse related issues. Pat described how she was first rebuffed by

the Director of the County's Park's department when she offered to be involved in trail planning, but was later given almost carte blanche authority to plan and map out a trail in the western part of the county after she attended a trail planning conference, was certified as a master trail planner, and presented her certificate and other educational materials to the Park's Director. Good going Pat. Howard County has been a hard nut to crack, but it looks like we are making progress. The main thing Pat says she needs now is support from Howard County horse owners and trail enthusiasts.

Pat Ware, the coordinator for Frederick County, noted that trail preservation is not a hot agenda item for her county at this time. Any help any one can give in raising this as a priority would be greatly appreciated.

Kyle Jossi, TROT's trail ride coordinator, gave a short description of the many trail rides held last year and thanked the leaders of those rides. It is hard to believe, but between April and November of last year, TROT sponsored a ride almost every weekend. Our thanks to Kyle for all her work in making this possible. This coming year Kyle hopes that more riders will use the Yahoo web site as a way of informally linking people together to ride. Many thanks to Kyle, too, for coordinating this year's very popular silent auction and to all who donated the many items for sale.

Priscilla recognized TROT members who had appeared on TROT's behalf at public forums or written letters or e-mails to governmental entities advocating for trails. Almost a dozen people at the dinner indicated they had been a part of this process. Many thanks to each and every one of them. This kind of participation is often critical in preserving existing trails.

The Judged Pleasure Ride will be held this year on Saturday, June 3. Marylyn Miller, our Judge Pleasure Ride guru reported that this year's ride will be held at the Montgomery County Agricultural Farm Park. This is a beautiful new venue with varied terrain, open fields and forest. Mark this date on you calendar; this ride is always lots of fun.

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Congratulations are in order for our newest board member, Linda Davis, who was voted in at the meeting. Linda is co-editing the newsletter with Pat Talbott. Sadly, we are losing Michelle Beachley, who has had to resign from the board. Michelle is transitioning the membership function to another computer whiz, so we know that will go smoothly.

Special thanks to Pat Talbott, Kyle Jossi, Deneen Martin, Priscilla Huffman, Michelle Beachley, Anne Bennof, Amy Kimble and every one else who helped make this year's dinner such a success.



SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction was the scene of some great bargains, unique items, and fierce competition among friends (Mike, I'm sorry about taking the brushes away from you but purple just isn't your color!) In all, \$940 was raised!

There are some people without whom this would not have happened. Amy Kimble and Priscilla Huffman solicited donations from local tack shops. Amy and her mother, Marge Ann, creatively arranged the donated items. And Mary Angevine and Denis Webb served as cashiers at the end. Thank you to all the Trot members who donated items and to those who bid on things they didn't know they couldn't live without! We are also very grateful to the following businesses who so generously donated items to the auction:

Carroll County Tack
Cowboy Stuff
Everything Equestrian
Maryland Tack
Right Lead Tack Shop
Southern States Spencerville
Stablemates
The Surrey
Unbridled Happiness
U.S. Rider (who donated \$109 outright to the auction)
Woodland Tack Shop

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TROT Judged Pleasure Ride

Open to the public

The Date: June 3, 2006
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 10-mile. 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 Agriculture History Farm Park

From Frederick 1-70 towards Baltimore take exit 68 MD27 to Damascus turn left on Main St which turns into SR108 follow 108 turn right on Muncaster Rd to park entrance on right

From Baltimore 1-70 towards Frederick, take south Rt 97 turn right onto Brookeville Rd bear right on SR108 turn left on Muncaster Rd to park entrance on right

From I-270 take east Shady Grove Rd turn right on Muncaster Mill Rd turn left on Muncaster Rd to park entrance.

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.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Bring water for you and your horse and a picnic lunch.
Questions? Call Ride Manager Marilyn Miller
Wet trails? Call for cancellation Information
Phone 301 898 7274

Please send :

**Entry form (1 for each horse/rider entered)
Entry fee of \$27 (make checks payable to TROT).**

**Copy of each horse's negative Coggins test to:
Marilynn Miller**

**9327 A Gravel Hill Road
Woodsboro, MD 21798**

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)

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 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 _____

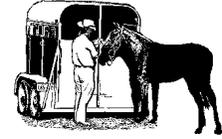
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Trailer Hookup, Backing and Loading Lessons



TRAILER SAFETY SELF-EVALUATION



Analyze How to Reduce Any Risk

1. Check the Hitch on your Tow Vehicle. (Welds, Bolts, Metal)
2. Check the Ball Nut. (Is Ball correct size) (Grease)
3. Check the Safety Chains. (2)
4. Check the Tires. (Air) (4) + Spare
5. Check the Latches on all the Doors.
6. Check the Safety Brake-Away Switch Assembly.
7. Check and adjust the Braking System.
8. Check Jack, Wrench And Wheel Blocking. (Wheel Lift)
9. Check Trailer Ventilation System. (Windows & Vents)
10. Check all Lights. (Tow Vehicle and Trailer)

REAR BACKING OF TRAILER

1. Think Safety. (Back Slow, Think of your Horse)
2. Seat Belts on.
3. Mirrors adjusted. Left, Right, Rear.
4. Check behind Trailer.
5. Have someone watch for you if available. (Back and Sides)
6. Windows down to listen for noise and talking.
7. ***Place Hand at Bottom of Steering Wheel ***
8. Begin backing and move hand in the direction you want the trailer to go.
9. Check both Mirrors at all times.
10. Practice backing in a straight line. (50 yards)
11. After you can back straight, practice backing at a 45 degree angle.
12. If things go bad. Pull up until the Tow Vehicle and Trailer are straight again.
After 45 Degree angles are OK. Practice Turns. Keep Trailer in same place in mirror to maintain arc.
Practice Right and Left Turns.
13. Too sharp of a turn can damage your Tow Vehicle, Hitch, or Trailer.
Test and Know your Limits.

TRAILER TIRE CHANGING

1. Loosen Lug Bolts before Jacking Trailer.
2. Jack up Trailer at proper point.
3. If not using Jack, pull Trailer forward so good Tire is on Lift. (Block, Lift, Stone)
4. Remove Lugs and install Spare.

FROM THE TRAIL RIDE COORDINATOR

Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on the ride and for information about time and parking. All ride participants must be TROT members, membership forms will be available at the ride for non-members. The start time and meeting location of rides are specifically not listed. Please call the ride leader for this information

Saturday, April 1st, Montgomery County Agricultural Farm Park. Led by Deneen Martin who will probably show up with her horse, a halter, and not much else! But it will be a guaranteed good time. The trails are woods and grassy fields. Deneen usually has several assistants so the pace can be varied. Contact Deneen at 301-253-2955.

Wednesday, April 5th, Maryland Horse Council Trails and Greenways meeting at the League of Maryland Horsemen grounds. Come see a demonstration of camping equipment on the ground at **6:00pm**, meeting at **7pm** and learn more about TROT, the Tuckahoe Equestrian enter, Southern Maryland Trail Riders, and Chesapeake and Plantation Walking Horse clubs. Wear your TROT shirts. Contact Pat Talbott at 301 628 4130

Friday April 7th, Saturday April 8th & Sunday April 9th League of Maryland Horsemen Invitational Ride. There will be a slow and a gaited/medium ridge each day over mixed terrain with several water crossings. Bring your own lunch. Pot Luck and campfire Friday night, Saturday dinner will be provided. Camp fee \$5 without electric \$8 with electric per night Saturday dinner \$10 per person Bring your own eating utensils. Reservations required by April 1st. No phone reservations please. Mail reservations to Ceil Armstrong, 5105 Wards Chapel Road, Owing Mill, MD 21117 For further information Contact Maureen Boskin at 410 480 9176

Sunday, April 30th, Paint Branch, Montgomery County. These trails were the inspiration for Trot's inception. Come ride the Paint Branch, Gum Spring, and Good Hope tributaries. The ride will be 2-3 hours. The pace will be moderate with some trotting and cantering; not a quite ride. Bring a snack or lunch for after the ride. Contact Mary Prowell at 301-829-7709 or Boprow@aol.com

Wednesday May 3rd, Board Meeting at Roy Rogers Route 26, Frederick, MD 7 pm Contact Pat Merson at 301 898 3251. Please join us.

Saturday, May 6th, Potomac Riverside Farm to the C&O Canal, Montgomery County. This is the 16th year that Anna has held this ride. Always a great turn out, with three groups – walk, trot, and canter. But the highlight is the picnic lunch she serves after the ride. Contact Anna Slaysman at 301-972-8187.

Saturday, May 20th, Rocky Gorge, PG County. Those of you who asked for a slow pace, this ride is for you. Join Terry and Snuffy for a quiet walk around the reservoir. Barb and Denis Webb will lead a faster ride. Contact Terry Ledley at 301-776-2661.

Sunday, May 21th, Trailering Clinic (see page 7 for more info), Carroll County Community College Parking Lot, Westminster, MD. Maximum 10 trailers. Fee \$20 per trailer. Given by J.B. Consulting & Training. Contact Pat Talbott for reservation ptalbott@insuranceservices.com.

Saturday, June 3rd, TROT Judged Pleasure Ride at the Agricultural History Farm Park, Derwood, MD. See entry form on page 5-6. Any questions contact Marilyn Miller at 301-898-7274

Tuesday June 6th, Board Meeting at Woodlawn Manor, Corner of Norbeck and Ednor Roads, Sandy Spring, MD 7pm Contact Deneen Martin at 301 253 2955. Please join us.

Saturday, June 17th (rain date June 18th) Union Mills. Carroll County, north of Westminster. The pace will be mostly walk and trot, 2 ½ - 3 hours. This trail is very hilly so be sure your horse is in good shape. Contact Helen and Curt Meadows at 410-346-6730.

Saturday, July 1th Catocin Park, Frederick County. Led by Marilyn Miller. Parking for only 6 trailers so contact Marilyn early. There is the possibility of going to Cunningham Falls instead if the trail repairs are completed (unlimited trailer parking.) Contact Marilyn Miller at 301-898-7274.

We are trying to develop a list of contact people who are willing to show other riders trails that they are familiar with. If

you have a favorite trail that you are willing to show others, please email or phone me and I'll make sure it gets in the newsletter. (Kyle Jossi, 301-570-3860, bossyjossi@netscape.com) Using this list, TROT members can contact each other directly to set up a ride. At this point, our list is off to a slow start; Mary Prowell has graciously offered to show fellow Trot members the following trails: Paint Branch, Savage Mill, Patuxant River, and Annapolis Rock. She can be reached at 301-829-7709 or Boprow@aol.com



Who's Who County Coordinators

Prince George's County - Mary Argevine

Mary has lived in Price George's County nearly all her life. She has been riding horses in Northern Prince George's County – off and on – since 1956. Mary says her life improved greatly with the purchase of her very own horse in 1982 – a Palomino mare she named MoonMist.

Because she was so long joining the ranks of horsemen and women, she is very sensitive to retaining horse keeping properties and riding privileges on public land for future generations.

When she first learned of TROT (from a real estate agent in Montgomery County) while searching for a "ranch" of her own, she took pains to find the group and jumped right in with true dedication to achieving the mission of our organization.

She has served as County Coordinator since 1983, and served as President in the mid-nineteen-eighties. She has volunteered during several of our judged pleasure rides, at booths TROT sponsored at the Prince Georges's Horse Fair, the Maryland State Fair in Timonium, and at the Maryland Horse Expo. She has personally met with many of the County's horse owners and has taken several census surveys of the horses kept in the County. She agreed to gather up some riders to monitor the trails in the Federal Park in Greenbelt, Md., a task for which the Rangers were appreciative enough to have a plaque presented to her for TROT's commitment. She has been known to members

of the County Council and the Planning Boards of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties through her testimony on various development projects and budget forums. Over the years, she gave her time to clear and clean trails and present trail preservation information to riders from Anne Arundel and Charles Counties. All this to support the current needs of riders, but, again, to preserve opportunities for the children of today.

In support of TROT as an organization, Mary suggested raising funds by holding an auction of used tack at our annual pot luck meeting. This year will see our second such auction.



Croom - Carol Auletta

I have lived in Croom, Md since 1971. I was drawn here because of the gorgeous, endless trails. I am close to the Patuxent River & the DNR has purchased farms that are adjacent to the river so that the large trail system can continue and grow.

I am probably one of the few people who know almost all the trails in the area and thoroughly enjoy riding them. I began as a trail rider, did competitive long distance riding, rode Dressage to the Prix St. George level and now have returned to my trails.

The Croom area has been "discovered" over the past few years and 5 acre tracts are being sold. I try to remain involved with the county trail coordinator in keeping connective paths available for riders. We have an active citizens organization that works hard at keeping that area farmland.

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I love to share this area with others and invite folks to call me for a tour!

Enjoy your horse & trails! Carol



Cecil County - Jeanne Bond

I live on a small farm in Warwick, MD, a small town south of the C-D canal on the Eastern Shore in Cecil County. I am very happy to be here – it is a beautiful, rural area, the people are very friendly, and the pace is relaxed. I moved here about 3 years ago and it feels like home now.

I lived most of my life on my family’s farm in Laurel and was fortunate enough to have had horses (or ponies) in my backyard since I was 4. Most of my riding experience has been out on trails, and that continues to be my favorite activity. I also enjoy classical dressage and natural horsemanship training.

My horse family consists of my beloved Thoroughbred, Moe, who has been with me for 18 years, two Paints (half brothers) who are complete clowns and make me laugh every day, and a charming Lusitano colt I brought from Portugal last year.

I have been a member of TROT for a number of years and truly appreciated the opportunity to ride different trails and meet new friends. My goal as coordinator is to connect with the trail riders of Cecil County, find out about the trails here, and do whatever I can to make sure that horse interests are protected. I look forward making new friends and enjoying more of the beautiful Cecil countryside on horseback.



Howard County - Pat Oliva

Hi, I was asked to give a brief scenario of my years with TROT. When TROT was forming in 1980 I had been training for 100 mile endurance rides in Montgomery county for the last three years. There had been a moratorium of building and the Colesville area where I lived was surrounded by empty land. I was able to find my way complete along the county into the surrounding counties. I never asked permission and never knew whose land I was riding across. Then through my sister Sandy I met Judy Richardson and Ann Bennof. You all know the story of TROT beginning. It was formed at Judy’s home one evening with a group of people with varied natural talents.

We had artist’s, writer’s, rules keepers and people willing to work. Judy was a lesson in polite positive thinking. She taught me so much and I realized my careless riding was not the long term answer for trails. We went on a recruiting drive and the first general meeting was held. We had invited thru Director of the watershed to come. Following Judy’s lead when I introduced him I thanked him for the work he

had done on riding trails on the watershed. It was a turning point His face showed shock and surprise and he became a firm supporter of TROT. It was the THANKS. We just can’t thank to much.

Judy was a strong leader and the county council became familiar with our group at the endless meeting we attended. I became the Montgomery County Coordinator for TROT, then the state representative. I was asked to be one of the main speakers at the first Maryland Greenway Commission and then appointed to the state Greenway board. Attended and presented a seminar On shared trails for the newly forming Rails to Trails and worked on the board with the second Maryland rail trail from Baltimore to York.

When the National Parks held their biannual Trail Symposium in Maryland I lead a field trip the Patapsco Valley SP to demonstrate the effects of shared trails, user conflict and erosion. After a few more commissions and a term as TROT president I took a break and dropped out of most of the work. I joined the TROT Search and Rescue for a while and then became a Mounted Patrol Ranger for the Park Service.

I volunteered to be the American Endurance Ride Conference north east trail representative and later just for the state of Maryland.

Howard County Update

It has been a quite few months. I haven’t received any input from Howard county resident who will help with securing trails or right of ways. For the few who have called about closed private land there is nothing to be done. It must be realized that the only time we have a chance to encourage builders to give us a trail right of way is at the preliminary meetings with the planning board. Howard County is not like Montgomery. The meetings are not public knowledge with an open forum.

The western regional park has been turned into a series of playing fields but we will have a few miles of trail and a small area to park. In the future there are other parks for addition trails. We are blessed for all the work Gail did to secure the trails in Schooly Mill and Savage and we have two large stream valley trails on your borders.

We are not trail less we just need to connect them if the desire is there.

Last year I got a large portion of the county members on my internet address book-----but with my poor computer skills I destroyed them. My computer chewed them up for dinner. My e-mail is patolivatigger@aol.com would you please e-mail me if you have a computer with yours. It is a quick, cheap way to get info out and keep in touch..

See you down the trail, Pat Oliva

January 2006 Treasurer's Report

January 2006 Expenses: \$778.78

Howard County Fair Assn. (Hall Rental and Deposit):
\$370.00

The Equiery (1/4 Page Ad): \$160.00

M. Beachley (Postage Reimbursement): \$108.49

MD Sales Tax for 2005: \$80.72

Stamps and extra Postage for Treasurer: \$39.63

Verizon (TROT Information Line) \$19.94

January 2006 Income: \$1,594.62

Memberships: \$1,380.00

Donations: \$200.00

Time Deposit Interest: \$11.73

Savings Acct Interest: \$2.89

Bank Balances as of 2/1/06:

Checking Acct: \$1,731.44

Savings Acct: \$9,692.40

Time Deposit (Mapping Fund): \$6,562.83

February 2006 Treasurer's Report

February 2006 Expenses: \$1,011.14

Gasch Printing - December 2005 Newsletter: \$562.31

Gasch Printing - TROT Brochures: \$329.00

MD Horse Council Dues: \$100.00

Verizon (TROT Information Line): \$19.83

February 2006 Income: \$14.72

Time Deposit Interest: \$11.75

Savings Acct Interest: \$2.97

Bank Balances as of March 1, 2006:

Checking Acct: \$720.30

Savings Acct: \$9,695.37

Time deposit (Mapping Fund): \$6,574.58

The Annual Treasurer's
Report for 2005 will be in the
June newsletter.

League of Maryland Horseman Invitational

The League of Maryland Horsemen would like to invite your club to the Horse Club Invitational Ride held at the club grounds on April 7,8,9 2006. There will be a slow and a gaited/medium ride each day over mixed terrain with several water crossings. Some of the trails are rocky so shoes for the horse may be advisable. Bring your own lunch.

There are 170 miles of trails in Patapsco State Park - you can ride to an old granite quarry, tie your horse to a tree and have lunch at restaurant in Sykesville, hitch your horse to a rail outside the Woodstock Inn and have a crab cake sandwich, ride the fire trails around Liberty Reservoir, travel to the old town of Daniels, and visit an old Nike missile site that was filmed in the Blair Witch Project movie. Some of the trails are rocky and you will want front shoes unless your horse has very hard feet. Most trail rides cross the Patapsco River several times, and include some steep slopes that will challenge you and your horse.

Dinner Friday is at 6:00 PM. Bring your own beverage and a dish to share in the clubhouse. After dinner you are invited to a campfire hosted by Dell Fisher. Dinner Saturday is provided. Please bring plates and utensils for the weekend

The cost of the event is \$5 a night for camping and \$10 for dinner. At the campground there are showers, water for horses, and limited electric hookups.

Reservations are required by April 1, 2006. Include with your payment the names of participants, number of nights staying and the number of dinners. No phone reservations, please. Coggins must be presented at sign-in.

Directions to the grounds can be found at the web site- LOMH.net

Mail reservations to Ceil Armstrong 5105 Wards Chapel Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117

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Maryland Horse Council Trails and Greenways

On Wednesday April 5th at 7:30 pm there will be a Maryland Horse Council Trails and Greenways meeting in conjunction with the general monthly meeting of the League of Maryland Horsemen. Peggy Bree has invited several clubs to give short presentations on the trail rides they have planned for 2006, and to give you information on how to join their clubs if you are interested in their activities. We will have an opportunity to learn more about TROT (Trail Riders of Today), the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center (they have a horse camp on the Eastern Shore), and the Chesapeake and Plantation Walking Horse clubs. Every club has something different to offer, and many of us belong to several clubs. This is a great opportunity for you to network and make new trail riding friends throughout the state.

The Red Hat Riders will provide a demonstration of camping equipment on the grounds at 6 pm. Experienced campers will display different styles of picket lines, portable corrals, living quarters trails, and other equipment that makes camping more comfortable, safe, and fun. At 7:30 we'll gather in the Clubhouse for our general meeting. Hope to see everyone there!

MHC Trails and Greenways Club Goals for 2006

At the start of a new year, I'd like to take a few moments to thank everyone who helped make 2005 a successful year for all of us. We established and strengthened our working relationships, and now we have a solid foundation that will serve us well in the future.

Here are a few goals that I'd like to suggest for your clubs in 2006. Some clubs have already implemented these ideas, so please forgive me for repeating them here for the benefit of others.

1) Ask your club officers and newsletter editors to join the The Maryland Horse Council Trails and Greenways Yahoo Group, MHC-TG@yahoogroups.com. This group is a two-way communication tool to share information with the Maryland Horse Council's Trails and Greenways committee and other clubs. Messages are reviewed before they are sent to everyone on the group, so there are only a few messages each month. If you send me a list of e-mail addresses for your club officers, I will send them an electronic "invitation" to join.

2) Start using the Maryland Horse Council Trails and Greenways Yahoo Group, MHC-TG@yahoogroups.com, to exchange success stories, problems, and ideas that might be of interest to other clubs. It can be a great

source of information and articles to publish in your club newsletters. It's your group - tell me how can I make it more useful to you.

2) Invite your club members to join Maryland Trail Riders on-line at MarylandTrailRiders@yahoogroups.com. It's a great way for people to find a trail riding buddy, learn about new places to ride, and share a trailer. Participants are encouraged to limit their messages to topics related to trail riding.

3) Announce your club's organized rides on Maryland Trail Riders on-line at MarylandTrailRiders@yahoogroups.com. Many trail riders belong to multiple clubs, and if your club announces activities that are interesting and fun, you will acquire new members.

4) Establish an electronic communication vehicle for your club members. It's important that you have a way to reach your members in a timely manner to inform them of trail closures or safety issues. These smaller regional groups are also perfect for more general discussions on horse care, stable management, tack for sale, sources of hay and bedding, and other non-trail topics. I'd be very happy to set up a Yahoo group for your club if you don't already have one. I encourage people who don't have or use e-mail to keep in touch by establishing an "e-mail buddy." This could be a friend, neighbor, or barn buddy who is willing to print out important messages and pass them along. If you send me a link to your group, I'll publicize it for you by including it in my list of electronic horse groups.

5) Designate a club liaison(s) to the Maryland Horse Council Trails and Greenways Committee to attend the quarterly Trails and Greenways Committee meeting. Our first meeting in April 2006 will be a planning session to explore how we can work together and help each other.

6) Muster funds or sponsors to send a representative to the Southeast Equestrian Trails Conference in Roanoke VA, August 3-5, 2006. This is the single most important way to share information and learn new ideas about trail stewardship and working with land managers to preserve equestrian trails. This conference provides the essential "scientific" facts about manure and invasive species required to counter arguments from environmental extremists attempting to close trails to horses.

I'm sure I haven't thought of everything. Please print this list and take it to your next board or club meeting for discussion. Add your club's own goals for 2006 to the list. Share your ideas with us, if you think others clubs might be interested.

Let me know how the Trails and Greenways Committee can help you in 2006? Thanks in advance for your help in ensuring that 2006 will be another productive year as we make steady and careful progress learning how to protect and preserving our trails.

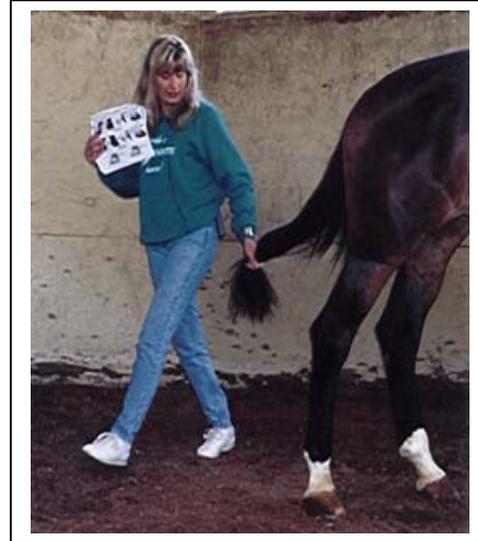
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