

# Trail Riders Of Today

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## TROT JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE – HUGE SUCCESS!

Thanks to great weather, a great venue, great organization (thanks Deneen Martin), multitudes of volunteers (super thanks to judges, helpers, and general support staff), and eighty-five courageous riders and horses – the TROT Judged Pleasure Ride was a great success. Fun was had by all! See winners on page 6.



JPR photos thanks to Linda Davis.  
More photos throughout newsletter.

## Annual Meeting, Silent Auction and Pot Luck

The annual dinner will be held Saturday February 20, 2010 at the Mt. Airy Fireman's Activity Hall. (Same location as last year.)

Although February seems like a long time away, it's time to start thinking about the Annual Meeting and ever popular

Silent Auction! We will be asking members to donate tack in good/excellent condition. If you frequent a tack store, ask them if they would be willing to donate a gift certificate or an item of tack or clothing. Even things non-horsey have been a big success at the Auction. Please contact Kyle Jossi at [bossyjossi@verizon.net](mailto:bossyjossi@verizon.net) or 301-570-3860 if you would like to volunteer to help with the Auction or have an idea for a donation.

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## President's Message

Ron MacNab, President

The Judged Pleasure Ride was held on September 19. The weather cooperated and gave us a beautiful day. Turnout was excellent with eighty-five entries; several coming from Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Deneen Martin and her crew produced sixteen judged challenges and organized about thirty-five volunteers. Deneen did a wonderful job in organizing this event. Thanks to all who entered and volunteered! We could not do it without you.

Personally, one of the most pleasing things about the ride was seeing the young riders. I have been concerned at times, wondering if younger generations would continue to trail ride. I frequently see riders on the trail but rarely young people. The one exception to this is sometimes when I go to Schooley Mill Park in Howard Co. I will see a couple of mothers out with a group of girls. The girls are running the horses all over the place, going over jumps, yelling and screaming to each other and just having a one heck of a good time. Their agility and ease with the horse is something to behold.

We are the trail riders of today, but will there be trail riders tomorrow? I hope so, and think we should do what we can to encourage it. I would like to see a sister organization develop called "Trail Riders of Tomorrow". This would be for young people say ages 8 to 16. Perhaps they could be recruited from a sponsoring coalition of riding stables, pony clubs and 4H groups. I don't know how this would be done, but if several of you are interested in pursuing the idea I would be happy to meet as a group and discuss the possibilities. I can be reached at 301-622-4157.

On October 10, we held our Fall membership meeting at

Talisman Stable, and were treated to a demonstration by Lorrie Bracaloni on Holistic Horse Therapies entitled "How to Identify and Release Your Horse's Pain Points".

I am new to this, so I was very surprised at how quickly she was able to obtain noticeable results using simple procedures. It was fascinating to watch the horses improve in such a short time. The demonstration was followed by a wonderful pot-luck dinner and lots of conversation. Many thanks to Pat Talbot for hosting the event at her magnificent stable and indoor arena, to Kyle Jossi for organizing the event, and of course thanks to Lorrie for sharing her knowledge and skills with us.



In late August, following a meeting of the Maryland Horse Council (MHC), I had a conversation with their new president, Stuart Pittman. We discussed the status of the MHC's Trails and Greenways Committee and the possibility of TROT, as a member of the MHC, taking leadership of this committee. We think this is an excellent opportunity to consolidate our voices when working with the State and county governments. It provides increased exposure and recruitment possibilities to both organizations and clarity to their perspective roles. The idea was approved by the Boards of MHC and TROT at their September meetings. I am very excited and look forward to coordinating our efforts to improve the trails and greenways in Maryland.

## TROT Ride - Dry Seneca Creek TROT ride Sept 12

Naomi Manders, ride leader

Dry Seneca ---as usual, it poured before my ride but about 6 showed up at Ladd's farm and we had a nice ride and picnic thereafter.

Mrs. Carol Ladd who just lost her husband this month was particularly pleased to have horses meet at her place. They were long term members of Potomac Hunt, and Bob

founded Seneca Valley Pony Club. He was very active in the County protecting the Agricultural Reserve which we are using for trail riding more and more.

Dry Seneca is a n EPIC sponsored public-private partnership effort to preserve trails through private and park lands for your use!



More Dry Seneca photos on page 4.

# 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

## Charles County

*Tom Finkle, County Coordinator*

Looking for a place off the beaten path in Southern Maryland to ride? You might want to try the 1.823 acres within the State's Doncaster Demonstration Forest in Charles County, MD. Recreational opportunities on the property include hunting, hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking. There are approximately thirteen miles of trails and woods roads at Doncaster Demonstration Forest. The Forest is located approximately 15 mile west of La Plata MD (from US-301) on Maryland Highway 6 (Port Tobacco

Road). Turn on Forest Road, a grass parking area is located on the left; call 301-934-2543 for more information.

I suggest riding on Sundays since hunting is allowed in marked areas of the property. A map of the area can be viewed online at:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Indian+Head&state=MD&address=%5B5400-5499%5D+Port+Tobacco+Rd&zipcode=20640&country=US&latitude=38.49915&longitude=-77.1964&geocode=STREET>

Ride Safe

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## Montgomery County

*Ron MacNab*

November Scheduled Events

**Trail Workday, 11/07/09, 9:30am - 1pm: Upper Rock**

**Creek Trail building School**

Natural Surface Trails Mgmt

Ever wanted to learn more about the principles and techniques of trailbuilding? If so, join representatives from Mid-Atlantic Off Road Enthusiasts (MORE) and the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) as they lead a Saturday workshop on the hows and whys for building fun, sustainable trail for all users. The instructors will cover a range of topics, including design and digging new trail, but will particularly focus on bridge-building.

The bridge will eventually be part of a 12 mile natural surface trail loop that when finished will include Lake Needwood, Lake Frank, the Agricultural Historical Farm Park and will run as far North as Route 108.

Minimum age of volunteers: 14

Agricultural History Farm Park

Derwood

Joe Fritsch, 301-260-9688, [joe.fritsch@verizon.net](mailto:joe.fritsch@verizon.net)

**Trail Workday, 11/14/09, 9am-2pm, Muddy Branch Greenway Trail Construction**

Natural Surface Trails Mgmt

Help us build the newest portion of this long-distance trail from Gaithersburg to Blockhouse Point and the C&O Canal. This workday will focus on excavating and flattening the trail surface with hand tools between Esworthy Road and River Road. Only a bit left to go before users can open the entire thing up!

Minimum age of volunteers: 14

Potomac

Ben Sugar, 301-650-4395,

[ben.sugar@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:ben.sugar@montgomeryparks.org)

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## Deer Management Closure

### Dates:

On select dates from October 2009 through January 2010, ten county parks will be closed from Sunrise until Sunset for managed deer hunts. A complete list of the scheduled park closures is included below.

Parks closed for managed deer hunts are closed from sunrise through sunset on the dates indicated. Please note, many of these dates are on Saturday.

• **Hovles Mill Conservation Park** and attached segments of **Little Seneca Stream Valley Park**, Boyds,

Closed: Friday, October 30, Saturday, November 7; Friday November 13; Saturdays, November 21 and December 5; Friday, December 11; Saturday, December 19; Saturday, January 9; Friday, January 22; and Saturday, January 30

• **Blockhouse Point Conservation Park**, Darnestown, Closed: Tuesdays, November 3, 17 and December 22

• **Great Seneca Stream Valley Park**, Unit 2, Gaithersburg, Closed: Wednesdays, November 4 and 18; and December 23

• **North Germantown Greenway Park**, Gaithersburg, Closed: Wednes-

days, November 4, 18 and December 23

• **Dry Seneca Stream Valley Park**, Units 1 & 2, Seneca, Closed: Fridays, November 6, 13; and 20

• **Woodstock Special Park**, Beallsville, Closed: Friday, November 6; Saturday, November 14; Friday, November 20; Friday, December 4; Saturday, December 12; Friday, December 18; Friday, January 8; Saturday, January 23; and Friday, January 29

• **Rachel Carson Conservation Park**, Sunshine, Closed: Mondays, November 9, 23 and December 21

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• **Bucklodge Forest Conservation Park**, Barnesville, Closed: Friday, December 4; Saturday- December 12; and Friday, January 8

• **Little Seneca Stream Valley Park**, Unit 1, Boyds, Closed: Saturday, December 5; Friday, December 11; and Saturday, January 9

• **Little Bennett Regional Park**, Clarksburg, Closed: Wednesday, December 9 through Friday, December 11; and Wednesday, December 16 through Friday, December 18

## Trot Membership Meeting

Kyle Jossi

Pat Talbott's beautiful farm near Libertytown, Maryland, was the perfect setting for the TROT membership meeting that was held on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Over 30 members were in attendance. TROT president Ron MacNab held a brief membership meeting followed by a demonstration by **Lorrie Bracaloni on Holistic Horse Therapies**. TROT members Pat Oliva and Sandy Boyd brought their horses for Lorrie to do a hands on demonstration. Both horses were suffering from the long-term effects of Lyme disease and

EPM. Lorrie pointed out areas of imbalance in the horses and techniques to correct these problems. The audience started out sitting in our chairs, but we were soon on our feet to get a better view of her work. Jean Cooper was chosen as a volunteer from the audience to confirm the changes that Lorrie effected on the horses.

A long buffet table was set out in the aisle of Pat's barn, and following Lorrie's demonstration, we all enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner. Lorrie stayed to answer questions. If you would like more information about Lorrie's techniques, her web-site is [www.naturalhorselb.ws](http://www.naturalhorselb.ws). (See photos page 7)

## League Invitational

Kyle Jossi

The grounds of the League of Maryland Horsemen were filled with horses, campers, and riders during the weekend of October 2-4 as members from several regional horse clubs came together for fun, camaraderie, trail riding, and great food! TROT was one of the organizations invited to the event.

Evelyn Burkhouse, a long-time TROT member, was the Chairperson for the event. She must have some very powerful connections because the weatherman was calling for rain all weekend but at least at the League, the weather was perfect. There were some brief showers Friday evening, but the rest of the weekend was bright sunshine.

A potluck dinner Friday evening gave us a chance to socialize and network with other clubs. We were awakened

bright and early Saturday morning with a call on the loudspeaker to come to breakfast. After a delicious, hot breakfast, we broke into three groups for trail riding. The medium speed group was the largest with 26 riders. Lunch was served on the trail and some of us were glad for the brief rest.

The kitchen staff, which included Evelyn Burkhouse, did an incredible job preparing the delicious meals that were served during the weekend. (Apologies to the other kitchen workers whose names I didn't get, but please know that your hard work was greatly appreciated!) Somehow food always seems to taste better after a long day of riding, especially when someone else prepares it.

If you missed the event this year, I strongly encourage you to plan to attend next year. And many thanks to Evelyn Burkhouse and Nicole Orr who did an incredible job of organizing a perfect weekend!



Dry Seneca Ride photo's continued from page 2.



## Understanding Easements

*Susan Gray*

What's an easement? An easement is an interest in land that allows the easement holder (grantee) to have certain interests in the land. Usually the interests (such as the right to use a trail) are defined in the instrument which created the easement such as a deed or subdivision plat. The instrument creating the easement also defines the person or entity to whom the easement is granted.

Think of a piece of property as a bundle of sticks. Each stick represents an interest in the land. There is a stick which allows the occupation of the land (you can build your house and barn on it); another which allows for the use of the mineral rights or possibly water rights under the land; another which allows for the use of the air rights above the property; and still another which allows egress and ingress over ones property. In fact there is a stick for every imaginable use of the property. The owner of all of the sticks is called the "fee simple" property owner. This owner can convey or give one or more of these sticks to

someone else through a variety of means including the conveyance of an easement.

For many years TROT has been working with various governmental entities, particularly the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) in Montgomery County to create and maintain trails. Usually this is done by requiring a developer to convey an equestrian trail easement through his or her property when the property is subdivided. These easements are shown on the subdivision plat for the property and allow for use of the trail by the general equestrian community. As more and more properties in an area are developed more and more easements are established with the goal of converting what was a private trail over private property to an officially sanctioned trail for public use. In certain areas of the County, such as Sandy Spring, this process has resulted in an extensive public equestrian trail network

Recently it has come to TROT's attention that it is the sole easement holder (grantee) for some equestrian easements in Montgomery County. We thought that trail easements were held

jointly by MNCPPC and TROT and therefore assumed that if there were threats to an easement, Montgomery County would defend the easement. However, since TROT is the sole easement holder, this is not the case. As a sole easement holder, if an easement needs to be protected only TROT is authorized to take actions to protect the easement. TROT may or may not have other obligations as to these easements and trails as well. However, before we can ascertain our obligations (if any), we have to identify the easements we hold and review the documents creating the easements.

This is not an easy task. We need your help. These easements may or may not be marked as being an easement and trails which are marked as being public use trails may in fact have the easement held by TROT. IF YOU RIDE TRAILS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY THAT 1) YOU THINK ARE ESTABLISHED BY EASEMENT, and/or 2) GO THROUGH OR ALONG A SUBDIVISION, please let me know at:

Susan Gray, 240-426-1655

[susan@campSusan.com](mailto:susan@campSusan.com)

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## Strange Horse Story

*Nancy Osgood*

It happened on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. My friend Allison and I were out for our usual weekend ride. We are pretty much slowpokes – but like to ride for a couple of hours in the fields and trails in and around Patuxent State Park. Our ride was wonderful – it was a crystal clear bright and chilly day. Perfect fall weather with colors to match.

As we turned for home it happened. My horse, Newton, a big, lunky, chestnut quarter horse started to cough – a very deep cough. Allison was leading – and when she heard Newton cough she turned to look at him. "There's blood," she said. Then, after a pause, "A lot of blood." I jumped off Newton and looked. Sure enough he was coughing up blood. Not just a trickle – a lot of blood. We were miles from the barn, but I started walking Newton toward home. Allison got on the cell phone to our barn owner, Marie Head. After many calls back and forth, we found a vet who could meet us at the barn in about an hour (it was, after all, the Sunday afternoon before Thanksgiving). This gave us just about enough time to walk home.

Newton continued coughing without a break as we walked. Each cough brought up a large quantity of bright red blood. It was a deep, deep, wrenching cough – he heaved with ef-

fort each time. He and I were covered with blood spatters thrown up with his violent coughing. Blood was flowing out of both nostrils – not trickling - flowing. He was absolutely soaked with sweat – even though the day was very chilly. He walked steadily but slowly – and I let him rest periodically. Then after about 45 minutes, he stopped and lowered his head with his nose touching the ground. I thought then and there – that's it, he is going to lie down and die. But, no, he hung his head down and held it there while blood continued flowing out of his nostrils and his mouth, then he slowly raised his head - and he stopped coughing. By the time we reached the barn, most of the blood was dried, and there was no blood coming from his nostrils. The vet came shortly after we got back. She gave him an antibiotic injection, because of the blood in his lungs. But the cause of the bleeding was a puzzle. The next day, the vet came and used an endoscope to look down his airways. The vet could rule out several things, including bleeding from the guttural pouch, and it was clearly NOT a case of Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage (remember, we are slowpokes). But the cause of the bleeding – and its cessation - was a mystery.

The vets recommended that I not ride for a while – to eliminate the risk of being away from the barn if the bleeding

*(Strange Horse Story continued on page 9)*

## Riders to the Rescue

*Tomi' Finkle, Team Commander*

TROTSAR Mounted Team conducted its Fall Horse and Rider Evaluation (HRE) on September 13<sup>th</sup> in Broad Run Virginia. The Team would like to congratulate Tina Ryner for completing all applicant prerequisites and for passing the HRE. Tina is a retired Firefighter/EMT from the Virginia Beach Fire Department and will be assigned team number Trot-33. Tina will also be attending an upcoming Virginia Ground Search and Rescue College for a 50 hour SAR course at Hungry Mother State Park in SW Virginia and should become an operational member by mid-November.

The Officers and member of the TROTSAR Mounted Team would like to thank Trail Riders of Today (TROT) for a \$1500 dollar donation for the purchase of hand-held VHF public safety 2-way radios. The Team would also like to thank The United States Trail Riders (USTR) for a \$500 dollar donation to our radio fund. These wonderful donations will allow us to replace about half of the team's current outdated hand-held radios. The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) has mandated that all outdated public safety radios be replaced before 2012 and our mounted team hopes we can meet this compliance goal by the summer 2011.

8 members of the TROTSAR Mounted Team will be taking part in Virginia's State Wide Search and Rescue (mock search) Exercise in Jefferson National Forest on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The exercise will be conducted in the same area where

the bodies of two Virginia Tech students were recovered on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The Virginia State Police will brief all SAR personnel about the recovery of any evidence (or possible clues related to the August murders) that may be found by exercise participants.

This month's Mounted Team photo is of Lt. Tim Black with the Howard County Police Department who served as the event safety officer and primary instructor during our recent Horse Trailer Safety Day and Horse Trailer Rodeo. Tim (Trot-30) also serves as the Mounted Team's Assistant Commander

The TROT-SAR 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.



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[www.trotsar.org](http://www.trotsar.org)

## Judged Pleasure Ride 19 Sept 2009

Division Winners

### Category

Champion  
Reserve Champion  
Novice Horse  
Grade (no particular breed)  
Gaited Breeds  
Ponies  
Thoroughbreds, Apps and Other  
Arabians and Half Arabians  
Quarter Horses  
Open Rider  
Novice Rider  
Junior  
Youngest Rider  
Oldest Rider  
Oldest Horse

### Rider

Amy Grimm  
Barbara Conner  
Jo Jutzell  
Sue Donaldson  
Jacquelyn Cowan  
Jenny Searles  
Kevin Yungk  
Sally Hartley  
Michelle Beachley  
Jacquelyn Cowan  
Grace Richards  
Jordan Donaldson  
Sasha Lobas  
Naomi Manders  
Kyle Jossi

JPR photos thanks to Linda Davis



# FALL DEER HUNTING SEASON HAS STARTED

Nancy Osgood

All riders should be aware of the hunting seasons in their areas. Maryland State hunting dates for 2009-10 are outlined below. For more detailed information, members are encouraged to check the Maryland State Department of Natural Resources website: <http://dnr.maryland.gov> – or go directly to the hunting schedule page [http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/pdfs/Hunting\\_Seasons\\_Calendar.pdf](http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/pdfs/Hunting_Seasons_Calendar.pdf). There are two hunting regions, Region A (Garrett and Allegany counties, only) and Region B (all other counties). In most cases, the dates are nearly the same but the bag limits differ. Also, be sure to consult with individual counties, as they may have special requirements. Since most TROT members reside and ride in Region B, the following dates were compiled for that region

**Hunting hours:** One half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

## **Bow season.**

Bow hunting allowed on the following dates: Oct 26 - Nov 27; Dec 14 - Dec 18; Jan. 4 - Jan 7; and Jan 11 - Jan 30.

## **Muzzleloader season is in progress and ends Jan 2**

Muzzleloader hunting allowed on the following dates: Oct 26 - Oct 31; and Dec 19 – Jan 2.

## **First day of firearms season is November 14 (junior hunt day), and the first day of regular firearms season is November 28. Firearm season ends January 9.**

Firearms season is the following: November 28-December 12, and January 8 – 9

**Sunday Deer Hunting.** Deer Firearms Season is open on Sunday, Nov 29, 2009 in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Kent, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico, Washington and Worcester counties on private land only.

Deer Bow Season is open on Sundays October 11, October

18, October 25, November 1, and November 8, 2009 in Dorchester, Frederick, St. Mary's, Somerset, Washington, Wicomico and Worcester counties on private lands only.

Deer Bow Season is open on Sunday, November 1, 2009 in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Harford, Kent, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties on private lands only.

**Managed Hunts and Park Police Sharpshooters.** The State and several counties have deer management programs that include managed hunts on public lands, as well as park police sharpshooters. State parks that have managed hunts include Fair Hill (Cecil County), Gunpowder Falls (Baltimore and Harford Counties), and Ft. Frederick (Washington County). Montgomery and Howard Counties have managed hunts and police-based sharpshooting in many county parks, as do other counties. The dates for managed hunts are posted in parks, so you should always be aware of park closures for these events. For example, in Montgomery County, from January through March, Park Police sharpshooters will hunt deer at 10 parks between 5:30 p.m. and sunrise, when the parks are closed. Montgomery County managed hunt and sharpshooter dates are listed on [http://www.montgomeryparks.org/PPSD/Natural\\_Resources\\_Stewardship/Living\\_with\\_wildlife/deer/DeerManagement.shtm](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/PPSD/Natural_Resources_Stewardship/Living_with_wildlife/deer/DeerManagement.shtm). The Howard County schedule is at <http://www.howardbirds.org/howard/deerhunt2009-10.htm>.

**Game other than Deer.** There are legal hunting seasons throughout the year for game other than deer. Consult the schedule on the DNR website at [http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/pdfs/Hunting\\_Seasons\\_Calendar.pdf](http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/pdfs/Hunting_Seasons_Calendar.pdf).

**Keep some simple safety tips in mind.** Make sure to wear something fluorescent orange during the entire hunting season. There are vests, jackets, and helmet covers to choose from. It is remarkable how well these items can be seen from long distances. It is also a good idea to stay in open areas, where there is good visibility. And many riders sport a bell to let hunters know they are not a target! If you see hunters, be sure to let them know where you are riding – and remind them that other riders may be in the area. Please always be respectful to lawful hunters – their licensing fees provide important funding for our parks.



TROT Membership Meeting, Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

# Membership Report - TROT and the DOW hit highs!

Jeanne Bond, Membership Chairman

Just saw on MSNBC news where the DOW hit 10,000 today. Well, the next headline is going to be **TROT membership hit 688 today**. Today we matched the total number we had last year. So all the numbers from this point forward are in the plus column. How neat is that???? Let the pigeons loose!!!

## TROT is delighted to welcome our newest members:

Name	County
Betsy Earley	Anne Arundel
Laura Owens	Anne Arundel
Lori Bivins	Anne Arundel
Mary Beth Friedel	Anne Arundel
Judy Cockey	Baltimore
Linda Barton	Baltimore
Denise Buscerni	Calvert
Andrea Kable	Carroll
Darcy Zik	Carroll
Gail Boone	Carroll
Judy Haran and family	Carroll
Kathleen Burdick	Carroll
Katie Wentz	Carroll
Kelly Conaway and family	Carroll
Brenda Jolly	Cecil
Donna Collins	Frederick
Joy Fernon and family	Frederick

Name	County
Leslie Hay	Frederick
Richard Nielson	Frederick
Robert Rosen and family	Frederick
Margaret Scarff	Harford
Olivia Rich	Harpers Ferry, WV
B.J. Engel	Howard
Heather Rolon	Howard
Yvette Harris and family	Howard
Carole Alcoba and family	Montgomery
Debbie Olsen and family	Montgomery
Donna Stilwell	Montgomery
Elizabeth Weigand and family	Montgomery
Jim and Becky Carter	Montgomery
Karen Widmayer and family	Montgomery
Susie Brittingham and family	Montgomery
Valerie Stanley	Montgomery
Pam Polk	Worcester
Susan Ferrara	Montgomery

## And welcome back one "old" member:

### Maryland Horse Council Annual Meeting

with Maryland Horse Industry Board

All equestrians are invited to attend.

Tuesday, November 17th

[Miller Senate Office Building](#)

11 Bladen Street | Annapolis, Maryland 21401

4pm *Legislative Tour of the Capitol*

6pm *Meet and Greet Reception*

Featuring a tasting table from The Maryland Wineries Association

7pm *Meeting*

#### Highlights Include:

Release of the MHIB's 2009 Maryland Horse Forum Report to the Governor

Ratification of the MHC Action Plan in Response to the Forum Report

Announcement of the Creation of the MHC Business Network

Kickoff of the County-by-County Campaign to Save Our Horse Farms

Opportunity to Meet and Talk to State Legislators

If you're planning on coming, please pre-register [HERE](http://mhcannualmeeting.eventbrite.com/).

### December Judged Pleasure Ride at Graham Equestrian Center

Graham Equestrian Center is hosting a "Competitive Trail Challenge" on Saturday December 6. The Challenge Ride will be followed by a Pit Beef BBQ and a training demonstration by Jim McDonald. Proceeds from the ride will benefit the Friends of Gunpowder Falls State Park. For more information, call Kathleen Tabor at 443-454-2163, or contact her by email at [ktaborlaw@aol](mailto:ktaborlaw@aol).

### TROT to serve as MHC Trails and Greenways Committee

*Message from the Maryland Horse Council*

Trail Riders of Today President Ron MacNab is our new Trails and Greenways Committee chair. He is also president of TROT, the organization that works tirelessly on behalf of Maryland trail riders. TROT will, in effect, become the MHC committee. It is an arrangement that we expect to strengthen both organizations. Contact Ron at [rmacnab@comcast.net](mailto:rmacnab@comcast.net) to get involved in this committee.



## UPCOMING RIDES

Pat Talbott, Trail ride coordinator

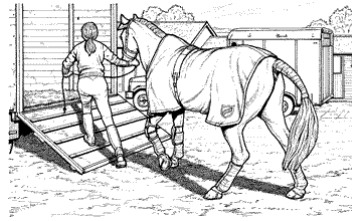
Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on the ride and for information about start time and directions.

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).

### 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.

*(Strange Horse Story continued from page 5)*

should recur. I was instructed to call the vet right away if the bleeding started again – they could race out to the barn with a scope and perhaps identify where the bleeding was coming from. The vets gave me their honest assessment. The bleeding was possibly from some sort of tumor. It could be lung cancer. In any event, to diagnose such a disease would require specialists with special equipment and facilities, and would be expensive. But, they said, for a 21-year old pleasure horse, the diagnosis of lung cancer is dire – not really treatable. They indicated that Newton should probably be retired, and I should enjoy my remaining time with him. So I didn't ride for a while. During this time he never really bled again – at least not that anyone could tell. Marie heard him coughing a few times, but there was never a recurrence of the extended coughing and no sign of massive bleeding.

So, after a while, the vets said I should start riding again – gradually, and staying close to home at first. So I did start riding again. He seemed fine – and as a matter of fact, seemed quite pleased to get back out on the trails.

It's been exactly two years since that day. Newton has not only survived, but thrived. He has never had a recurrence of the bleeding. And as chunky as he is, I am sure that he does not have cancer. Now, I will say, that every time he coughs my heart simply stops. But, for now, Newton continues to go on the trail, including to TROT rides – and we patrol Montgomery County parks as volunteer park patrols. People still say he does not look his age (a young 23 this year), and he is still the sweet, loveable, if somewhat goofy, character that he always was. So this Thanksgiving I have one more blessing to count – my rock-solid, faithful trail companion, Newton.



JPR photos thanks to Linda Davis

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# VOLUNTEER PATROL OPPORTUNITIES ARE WAITING FOR YOU IN OUR MARYLAND STATE PARKS

*Bob Lilly*

In the September newsletter, Ron MacNab wrote about opportunities to support the Montgomery County Park Police by helping them patrol the parks on horseback, bike, or by hiking, to make the parks safer and friendlier for all of us. In this article, I'd like to point out additional opportunities that exist with the Maryland Park Service (MPS) of the state's Department of Natural Resources to patrol on horseback many state parks in our area. (Some state parks also have volunteer bike patrols. A person to contact for more information about the parks' bike patrols is provided below.)

Everyone benefits by having more mounted volunteers in the park. Maryland Park Service benefits because on horseback we can get to places on the trails that park staff can't easily access unless they have a four wheel drive vehicle handy. While we're out in these back areas, we can observe and report on downed trees or other trail conditions that need park attention, or help park visitors that may be lost or hurt. We can often help park visitors by simply chatting about park features or programs that the state parks offer. The main duty of Volunteer Mounted Patrol (VMP) is public education (including trail etiquette, trash free parks, etc.). And of course volunteers benefit because we're riding in our favorite parks enjoying trails we would ride on anyway, or learning new trails in a park we rarely visit.

All you need to volunteer for a mounted patrol group in a state park is a good horse, a trailer, and the willingness to meet and greet people you meet on the trail. Your first year starts with training. During the spring, you will have a short interview with MPS and mounted patrol volunteers for the "home" park where you will be riding the most. (I'll explain the "home" park concept a little later). After the interview, you will participate in 3 days of classroom training (usually on Saturdays) to become familiar with the overall state park system and to learn specifics of your "home"

park, CPR, and helpful tips for relating to the public while on patrols. You and your horse must pass a half day "bomb proofing" type of assessment to ensure that the team is safe to be on public trails. Before you can start riding on patrol, you will also ride along with a park ranger to see first hand what they face and ride along with a veteran VMP. You are then ready to ride on patrol as much as you want. MPS asks that, after your first year, you volunteer 100 hours of time each year- you can meet this goal in many ways, including patrolling on horseback and by attending meetings, staffing tables at the Expo and the state fair, or volunteering activities with the parks. Because patrol time starts when you leave the barn and ends when you return, it is easier than it seems to get the 100 hrs than you may think. For example, a two hour trail ride plus the same time for round trip travel, tacking, and untacking earns you four hours of volunteer time. You only need to patrol 3 times a month for 6 months, plus attend some meetings, to meet your goal.

You will probably ride on patrol most frequently in the park that sponsors your volunteer mounted patrol group- this is what I call your "home" park. My home park is Patapsco Valley State Park, which includes Morgan Run, McKeldin, and Avalon areas. Other state park or areas, such as Gunpowder Falls Fair Hill, and Susquehanna also have volunteer mounted horse patrol, which you can ride with after you complete your training and make the appropriate phone calls. Not all state parks have mounted horse patrol groups, but those that do give you abundant opportunities to ride on a variety of trails.

For more information on the Patapsco Valley State Park horse patrol group, contact Kathy Dobson at 443-538-2015 or me at 301-898-5520. For information on other state parks with volunteer horse and/or bike patrol groups, contact your local park. To see local parks in your area visit <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/mdmap.html>.

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## TROT Ride - Sept 20th Sunday Patapsco Valley State Park Ride

*Elizabeth Baran, Ride leader*

Pictures at Patapsco where we had lunch at the Woodstock Inn. Jeani Swartz, Sandy Thomas and Elizabeth in pictures

Jammin in Jamaica @ the Woodstock Inn



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## MISC. - TRAILERS, SADDLES, TACK, ETC.

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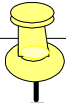
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WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please check any areas where you would be willing to assist.

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**!SAVE THE DATES!!!** Our favorite winter events are coming up in a couple of months – so please mark your calendars right now!!

**January 21-24, 2010 - HORSE WORLD EXPO - Timonium Fair Grounds.** Volunteer NOW to help TROT staff our booth. Get a free day's admission to the Expo if you sign up by December 14. Contact Janet MacNab at [janet\\_macnab@comcast.net](mailto:janet_macnab@comcast.net) or 301-622-4157 to sign up to fill a 2-hour slot at the booth. All you have to do is greet Expo attendees and tell them about TROT!

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010 - TROT ANNUAL MEETING – POTLUCK AND SILENT AUCTION!** To be held again at the Airy Volunteer Fire Department Activities Center at the Mt. Airy Fairgrounds. Watch for details in the January Newsletter!

**ALSO – Please be sure to renew your TROT membership for 2010 today! You are important to TROT – your membership helps TROT in its quest to preserve bridle trails. The membership renewal form is inside.**



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