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Message from the President.....

FOCUS ON MEMBERSHIP

For many years, TROT has proudly been able to say that we represent hundreds of horse owners and riders in the area. With increased development, it's more important than ever to have a strong and active group representing equestrian interests in public hearings and planning meetings.

Maintaining our large membership base is a challenge, and recently the board proposed two ways to encourage TROT members to be involved in promoting our membership.

First, we have included a copy of the TROT brochure with this newsletter. Please feel free to make yellow copies of our brochure and post them in your local barns and tack shops.

Carry a brochure with you in your saddle pack in case you meet a potential member on a ride. We believe that every trail rider should support TROT and our efforts on their behalf!

Next, we invite all TROT members and their guests to have a lively discussion with farrier Henry Heymering on Friday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Marilyn Miller's barn. You will find Henry's down-to-earth approach both practical and informative. See meeting details below. Please plan to join us!

Priscilla Huffman
TROT President

*****MEMBERSHIP MEETING*****

All TROT members and guests are invited to attend!

DATE: Friday, September 16, 2005

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE:: Marilyn Miller's barn
9327A Gravel Hill Road
Woodsboro, MD 21798
301-898-7274

SPEAKER: Henry Heymering, Farrier

"What Every Horse Owner Needs to Know About Hoof Care"

The will be lots of time for questions and answers.

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**Montgomery County Parks
Trail Construction Schedule 2005**

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

August 27, 28 Cabin John Bridge at Bradley Blvd., Potomac (MORE, PATC)

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

White House Horses

A new exhibit, White House Horses, organized by the White House Historical Association and the White House Curator's Office in cooperation with the National Park Service, looks at the many ways in which horses have been a part of the history of the White House. The exhibit, on display at the White House Visitor Center, 1450 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C., through September 26, 2005, is open daily from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm and is free to the public.

For information: (202) 208-1631. "Throughout history American presidents have appreciated the contributions of horses as workers and as participants in bringing about a better quality of life at the White House. Before automobiles, the presidents, their families and staff depended on the horse for transportation, communication and enjoyment. Beginning with George Washington, many presidents have enjoyed the impressive beauty and skills of these uncomplaining public servants for work, sport and leisure," said Neil W. Horstman, president of the White House Historical Association. The nine panel exhibit incorporates 27 historic and contemporary images covering topics from George Washington's sense of pride and sentiment in his horses to Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson's love of the Sport of Kings to Theodore Roosevelt's "rules governing the conduct of guests riding with the president," to modern day presidents and first ladies seeking relaxation and enjoyment with the aid of their equine friends. Panels include: Executive Stables; The Theodore Roosevelt Family; Presidents at the Races; Carriages of the Presidents; Presidents on Horseback; Working Horses at the White House; The Ceremonial Role of Horses and Equestrian Sports and Leisure Pursuits

Rachel Carson Greenway Plan Approved!

The Montgomery County Planning Board approved the Rachel Carson Greenway Corridor Trail Plan, to be the longest continuous trail in the County. For the details, please check incite under news releases: <http://insite.mncppc/>.

Marion Joyce, Community Relations Manager

**Please have articles and ads in by September 11 for
October newsletter.**

UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS RIDES

Continued on page 10

Terry Ledley sent in the following report about her ride at Rocky Gorge on June 12th. "We had a number of cancellations at the last minute because of the heat. But those who rode had a great time! Our woods and the draft from the lake kept our trails quite cool. We started with 2 groups but soon the fast group (let by Barbara Sollner-Web) opted to join us at a walk. Everyone told me they really enjoyed themselves. I am so thrilled to have done the ride this year and hope to lead a ride next year." The ride was attended by Deneen Martin, Susan Hunt, Jacki Edens, Sandy Boyd, Priscilla Huffman, Susan Railey, and Judy Thatcher.



TRAILERING CLINIC

On Sunday, June 26th, six Trot members and their trailers met with Jim Brainard of J.B. Consulting & Training, and his assistant, Bob Spangler, at the spacious parking lot of the Carroll County Community College in Westminster, Maryland.. We were there to learn how to operate our trailers safely, and to have Jim teach us the "secret of backing." Although the morning was scorching hot, we sat in the shade of some trees as Jim talked about trailer safety. He strongly encouraged us to do a trailer safety check each time before loading our horses, and when our loaded trailer is out of our sight. This safety check includes lights, tires, and door latches. The emergency brake pin should be removed periodically to be sure that the contacts touch and the brakes activate. We also learned that when trailering only one horse in a straight load trailer that the horse should be on the driver's side.. If the horse is on the passenger's side and those wheels go off the road, the weight of the horse could cause the trailer to tip. He recommended a book "[The Complete Guide to Buying and Maintaining a Horse Trailer](#)" (I'm sorry I didn't get the author's name) which covers most



of what he discussed. We also watched a demonstration of changing a trailer tire.

Then we all got in our vehicles as Jim and Bob had each of us back up under their coaching. The secret ...put your hand at the bottom of the steering wheel and turn it in the direction you want the rear of the trailer to go. They worked with us on an obstacle course and our final test was backing into a parking space. I think we were all amazed at how well we did!

Jim specializes in individual consulting on trailer hookup, backing, and horse loading. We are planning on another Trot clinic with him next Spring. He can be reached at 410-978-2150.

Southeaster Equestrian Trails Conference

The Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference (SETC) was held in High Point, North Carolina. This conference was designed to offer educational opportunities for trail planning, building, and maintaining.

I went as the TROT representative along with Peggy Bree and May Snyder from the Maryland Horse Council. My trip was sponsored by TROT with large private donations from Kyle Jossi, Marilyn Miller and Pat Merson.

THANKS GALSS!!!

The conference began with a workshop on trail planning, design and construction given by Mike Riter. We had a few hours of classroom sessions and then went to several trail sites to have hands on opportunities to use the knowledge gained by actually doing trail work. We used a varied array of tools during this training. For me this was the most valuable eight hours I have spent. Mike has done work on trails in Montgomery County as well as different areas in the country. His idea is to teach the design construction and maintenance of natural surface trails. Friday was devoted to volunteers working on the trails. We learned about how a small group of people worked with private landowners to build a trail which connected two North Carolina state parks. The trail was 22 miles and was agreed to by the private landowners via a written lease. This was a unique trail completed by all volunteers and private land owners.

A group of volunteers who maintain parts of the Appalachian Trail in the Rocky Mountain National Park and the higher elevation mountain trails, use their horses to haul equipment and supplies to the work sites. This is currently the only section of the Appalachian Trail in which horses are allowed.

Saturday started with the value of equestrian tourism and how to tap into this rapidly growing industry. Europe is so far ahead of us on this concept, since they have been doing this for years. The facts show that the money spent on equestrian camping and trails has been returned to the state many times over.

After that we were taken to three different state parks and shown different trail building techniques and the differences in maintenance. This was followed by a Bar-B-Q and a blue grass band at a campground. Pilot Mountain was the background during these events.

The next session was on how and where to apply for grants and financing for trail efforts. Chris Douwes, a representative from the Federal Highway Administration explained the new federal laws and the options that are available to us for financing trails through the Highway Department. He also emphasized that these trails do not need to be paved.

The following session dealt with how and where to apply for grants and financing for trail efforts. This offered information on how to use resources to finance equine trail efforts, by Kande Haertel, Executive Director of the Equestrian Land Conservation Resources.

The Trail Maintenance forum hosted the Back Country Horsemen Group, presented their ideas on how to take care of your existing trails. They also talked about correcting the water and user damage on the trails. This group is a nationally recognized trail riding advocacy group and left us with great insight.

I would like to thank the North Carolina Horse Council for hosting this conference and for their efforts in educating us on the planning, building and maintenance of horse trails.

Next year the SETC will be held in Roanoke, VA and I recommend that anyone interested in horses and trails attend.

Pat Oliva

Training Announcement!

September 12-16, 2005

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Conservation Training Center, Shepardsstown, WV
Trail Management: Plans, Projects and People

This training is open to everyone! Whether you are a trail volunteer, a member of a "friends" group, or a federal, state or local government employee involved with trails, this training is for you!

No tuition!! Course Code: 8300-17 Registration ID: 7656

- please contact Catherine Book at (602) 906-5590 to sign up!**

CLASSIFIED ADS

Please **e-mail** to tallyhotazz@aol.com. Classified ad: \$6.00 for first 100 words, \$.10 for each additional word 1/4 page ad or business card: \$25.00 1/2 page ad: \$40.00 Full page: \$75.00 Insert (all copies delivered to our printer): \$50.00

Please have articles and ads in by September 11th for October newsletter.

FOR SALE HORSE Clydesdale/QH gelding 10 year old 15.3 that's a gentle giant. Buddy is built wide and loves to trail ride, loads, crosses water and bridges, easy keeper that goes English or Western, good feet and jumps 2 ft. currently. \$5500 **SADDLE** 18" Kimberly Outback Australian Saddle from "Down Under Saddlery" used twice. Comes w/2 girths, stirrups and leathers: \$200 **TRAILER** 2001 Trailer Spirit Model 2 horse slant load trailer that is bumper pull with rear tack area and dressing room with water tank. Approximately 6'8" wide X 7 foot tall. Used lightly for short distance: everything in very good shape. \$7,200
Call Kathy at 301 392-3595

PENNSYLVANIA HORSE TRAIL, HORSE CAMPING, AND HORSE & CARRIAGE GUIDE-BOOKS:

All trails are open to the public. To order, send name, address, phone number, & check as follows:

> **Ride Pennsylvania Horse Trails-Part I, the Eastern Half of PA** (50+ trails in central to eastern PA): Send check for \$26.95 (\$28.33 PA residents).

> **Ride Pennsylvania Horse Trails-Part II, the Western Half of PA** (40+ trails in central to western PA): Send check for \$27.95 (\$29.39 PA residents).

> **SAVE on Book Set-Part I & II, the whole state of PA.** That's 90+ trails! Send check for \$48.00 (\$50.88 PA residents). PA prices include tax. Include this ad with order. Mail to Hit The Trail Publications, LLC, P.O. Box 970, Cherryville, PA 18035. Check out our website for coming events! FMI or to order by credit card visit our Website: www.PAtrail.com. RETAILERS: Stop by our booth #509 at the Stanley KOP in Fort Washington, PA, August 13-15th,

FOR RENT- SELF CARE ONLY- 4 rail fenced pasture & 1/2 acre corral & bank barn for 4 horses/livestock . Laytonsville area \$400.00 month Evenings 301-253-2955 or dbmartin7@Juno.com.

PROFESSIONAL ENDURANCE SADDLE by American Saddlery, Inc. 16" Seat, Quarter horse bars, round skirt, fleece lined. Equipped with Ties, Snaps and D's. ALL LEATHER Chestnut with dark brown quilted seat Still in the box - NEW! - Never been used. \$500. or best offer 410.489.7099 JMumma3333@aol.com

RIVER'S EDGE FARM One full care boarding space available in Marriottsville with access to Patapasco State Park Trails \$300 month. Offering trail riding lessons, hauling and training. Specializing in "problem horses" Training all breeds, including gaited horses. Elizabeth 410 442 5006 or 410 245 8941

TROT JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE

OCTOBER 2, 2005

SEE PAGE 7 & 8 FOR DETAILS

Union Mills Ride

It was another beautiful day on the trails (is there ever a bad day on the trails???)!!! Helen Thomas and Curt Meadows lead the group through Union Mills, Sat. June 18. The trails were so well maintained and in outstanding condition. We couldn't have asked for a more nicer day and an enjoyable bunch of horses/riders. We gained new friends and NEW MEMBERS! Our group consisted of: Jan Solovey, Sybil Hebb, Michelle Beachley, Deneen Martin, Monika Munn, Judy Brodbeck, Ann Pomeroy, Lisa Hackett, Brianna Wroten and Joel Nupp. Union Mills offered hills, streams, and open cantering trails. After the ride we sat under a shady tree for a bite to eat and good fellowship. Thanks again to our leaders, Helen and Curt – you all are marvelous!

See you on the trails!
Michelle Beachley



For the Horse, circle one

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

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

Signature _____

Date _____

Guardian of Junior Rider _____

Date _____

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



TROT Judged Pleasure Ride

Open to the public

The Date: October 2, 2005
The Time: Registration opens at 10:00 AM, closes at noon
The Place: Pavilion C. McKeldin Area, Patapsco Valley State Park
The Fee: \$27 per horse/rider Post entry \$32
The Rules: Hard hats required --and-- Current negative Coggins test required

What is a "Judged" Pleasure Ride?

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

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

October 2, 2005



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

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

Directions to McKeldin

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

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

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

Questions? Call Ride Manager Marilyn Miller 301 898 7274

Wet trails? Call for cancellation information Looking forward to seeing you there!

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

Bring water for you and your horse and a picnic lunch. (Water is available but a bit of a hike.)

Please send

entry form (1 for each horse/rider entered).
entry fee of \$27 (make checks payable to TROT).
a copy of each horse's negative Coggins test to:

Marilynn Miller
9327 A Gravel Hill Road
Woodsboro, MD 21798
301 898 7274

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

e-mail _____

Rider's Age _____ Horse's Age _____

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

For the Rider: circle one class

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

Important: Entry form continued on the back!

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

Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on the ride and for information about time and parking. When an email address is listed, this is the preferred method for contact. All participants must be Trot members because of our insurance. Ride leaders will have Trot application forms available for non-members.

Saturday August 6 Women In the Outdoors" event, including presentation on PA horse trails & camping by Carolyn Cook, author of "Ride Pennsylvania Horse Trails" guidebooks, presented by Cabela's & the PA State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation at Cabela's in Hamburg, PA, Sat. For more information, see www.PAtrail.com or contact Cabela's Hamburg, PA store at 610 929-7000

Saturday August 13 (Rain date Sunday, August 14) Codorus. (East of Hanover) Easy, wide dirt trails. Ride along the lake, some roads. Relaxed trotting pace, 2 hours. Great summer ride! Contact Debbie Fuson at 717-334-0893 for additional information.

Sunday, August 21 Fair Hills could easily be heaven on earth. Located up 95 almost to the Delaware line, it is worth the drive to see these beautiful trails with JoAnn Kricker who knows them like the back of her hand. The pace will be walk/trot. Contact JoAnn at 410-287-9343.

Saturday, August 27 Leave from the League (near Ellicott City), slow pace. Contact Anne Moe 410-781-4165.

Saturday, September 3 Manassas. 3 hour ride, pace to be determined. John Pavlos, cell 443-722-7390. Email (preferred) jpavlos@aol.com

Sunday, September 11 Little Bennett, medium pace – walk, trot and canter. 2-3 hours. Led by Joy Sappington, 301-874-8169

September 16-17 A QHA Weekend, including book signing by Carolyn Cook, author of "Ride Pennsylvania Horse Trails" guidebooks, at Gettysburg Horse Park at Artillery Ridge Campground, Gettysburg, PA, For more information, see www.PAtrail.com or call (717) 334-1288.

Saturday, September 17 Southern Maryland, Rosaryville. Moderately slow paced, possibility for some trotting and cantering. Angela Patton 410-353-7299

Saturday, September 24 Annapolis Rock, Deneen Martin 301-253-2955. There will be 3 ride leaders so everyone can participate! This would be a great warm up for the Judged Pleasure Ride to be held the following week

Sunday, October 2 Judged Pleasure Ride. Application included with newsletter.

Saturday, October 15 Cedarville – Southern Maryland. Donna Newman 410-535-1424

Saturday, October 29 Patauxant, Susan Charbonneau, mostly slow pace with some opportunities to go faster. charbonneaus@mail.ncifcrf.gov, 301-865-3399.

Saturday, November 5 (rain date Sat, November 19) Great Falls Park, Virginia. Mostly walking, you'll want to go slow to enjoy the beautiful scenery! Ride along the Potomac with a view of Great Falls. Some opportunities for trotting and cantering along a stone dust trail. Wilma Kime 703-222-8253

Saturday, November 12 N.E. Branch, Anacostia in P.G. County. The trails wind through parks, playgrounds, tunnels, bridges and wide-open levees. Beautiful views along the Anacostia River. Mostly walking with the opportunity for faster pace. Contact John Angevine, 301-937-0014

Frederick County

On June 18th Pat Merson and Marilynn Miller joined the park rangers at Round Meadows to work on the long loop of the horse trail near Camp David. We hiked in a mile to where we had to work carrying our tools, lunch, and water. We are changing a portion of the trail that goes straight up to switch back so the horses don't have to work as hard. We worked for about five hours and then hiked out back to our trucks. The following week Marilynn and I decided to ride that long loop and when we hit the part we worked on it took us 35 seconds to cover what we worked on but it was great.

Frederick County has picked a place in Emmitsburg to submit for the Maryland Horse Center.

Pat Merson, County Coordinator

Howard County Report

It doesn't look like I will be able to be assigned to the committee on the Western Regional Park on Carrs Mill Road in western Howard County. I am starting a petition to assure that we have trails in the western regional park. I will be sending by email, copies of this petition. Please have your friends and neighbors sign them and return them to me. If we all get a few pages on signatures, we will have enough to make a statement to Howard County.

We have lost many of our members in Howard County, so we all have to do a little bit more of the work. Please help.

If I can get enough "support" I will apply to be admitted to the Howard County Recreation and Parks Board. Again, please help to show Howard County that trails are needed in the western part of the County.

Pat Oliva, County Coordinator

Prince George's County

Fairland Regional/Recreational Park continues to spark various rumors, none of which have been confirmed to me by either County's Planning offices.

The Sub region I master plan is now under review for updating by the County. This encompasses Laurel, Beltsville, and other areas. If you have any input, please contact me. Otherwise, I plan to hold on to the equestrian amenities shown in the current master plan.

The Bowie master plan is moving along. Equestrian friendly now, it wasn't in its first form. Park and Planning is re-working some of the wording, and I expect to see more concrete information in the recreation section. Most currently is found under transportation for some reason.

The County's quarterly meeting of the Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee met Friday, July 1. The focus was Henson Creek Trail extension; the Piscataway Creek Trail Project (Mayonne Reserve section); status of Bowie Master Plan trails element; an update on National Park Service trails in Ft. Washington/Piscataway Park areas; Westphalia area trail plans, etc.

If you have any information we can use on any of these topics, please call me at 301-937-0014

Mary Angevine, County Coordinator

Update from Previous Rides continued from page 3

Anne Pomeroy led a ride in Urbana on May 14th. She was joined by Jan Chrypinski, Kate White, and Judy Brodbeck.

John and Donata Dow showed off their beautiful trails in Doncaster, Charles County to Carol Federighi and Barbara Discicino on May 29th.

Membership Benefits

While not primarily a social club, TROT members enjoy a variety of benefits:

- Bimonthly newsletter reports trail activities in each county, a calendar of events, classified ads, and educational articles.
- 10% discount at many area tack shops
- Weekend pleasure rides, open to all members, on public trails that TROT helped establish or preserve
- Maps of trails on public lands
- Annual Judged Pleasure Ride
- Clinics on trail construction, horse/bike encounters on the trails, horsemanship.

A group of TROT members comprise the only trained mounted Search & Rescue Team in Maryland. Other TROT members are involved in the Mounted Civilian Patrol in Montgomery County and the Volunteer Mounted Rangers who patrol some of our state parks.

Whatever kind of riding you do, you need to join TROT. You can influence how parks and county lands will be used. With nearly 900 members to date, TROT has a strong voice in local, county, and state governments, but it could be stronger. We need YOUR voice.

Just as horses naturally band together for strength, equestrians need to unite to protect our interests in trails and open spaces. With your support, the thunder of our hooves will grow louder and stronger.

Join TROT Today.

Don't Get Fenced Out!



Trail Riders of Today

Join TROT Today
To Keep Your Trails
Tomorrow!

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www.trot-md.org

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION (Please circle one)

Name _____ Work phone _____

Street address _____ Home phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

DUES: Single or family: \$20.00/yr (Jan - Dec) Contributing member: \$30.00/yr Sustaining member \$50.00/yr

Mail to: Michelle Beachley, 26309 Howard Chapel Drive, Darnascus, MD 20872. Make checks payable to: Trail Riders of Today. Membership e-mail: trotmembership@hotmail.com. If you can help with any of the below activities, please check:

Trail clearing _____
Public hearings _____
Trail mapping _____
Fund raising _____
Membership _____
Photography _____
Host a ride _____
Search & Rescue team _____
Newsletter _____

Thank you for supporting TROT!

What Is TROT?

Trail Riders of Today (TROT) is a group of equestrians who work with their neighbors and counties to PRESERVE bridge paths. TROT also gets involved in development plans in order to ESTABLISH new trails. TROT's members ride throughout Maryland and in areas of Washington, DC, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

TROT started in 1980, 22 riders banding together to preserve bridge paths in the Paint Branch stream valley. TROT continues this same work today in response to houses sprouting where corn once grew and roads cutting off trails that have been ridden for decades.

Why Should I Join?

You're riding out from your barn, through a patch of woods, on your way to the nearby park and trails. You find a house under construction. Does this mean you won't be able to ride through anymore?



Will the owners put in a lawn and gardens and prohibit horse traffic? Without this path to the park, you'll be stuck in the barn!

More and more, trail riders are being forced back into the barnyard. You need a group like TROT at your side to make your voice heard by county planners and housing developers.

TROT has an excellent reputation with

county governments and state Dept. of Natural Resources. We are recognized as an active group of concerned trail users. Our members are willing to examine possibilities, help mark and maintain trails, and work with other trail users, environmentalists, and concerned neighbors for the best solutions.

I Don't Have a Trailer to Go Ride These Other Trails

You may never trailer your horse to some of the parks where TROT has helped build bridge paths. You may never find time to join a weekend trail ride with TROT. BUT, you do ride trails. And with the landscape around



us always changing, you may find that your trails are disappearing.

How would you go about getting trail easements? Who should you call in the Parks Department to report

trail damage or disputes? How can you work with the developer to include your age-old trail system when laying out those new houses?

TROT knows how. TROT is active in your neighborhood, with county coordinators who work with your county's parks and planning division. If you need help negotiating an easement through neighboring lands, TROT can help. If you want to find out what the county is planning to do with that nearby park, TROT can help.

And by being a member of TROT, you

indirectly help other backyard trail riders like yourself who turn to TROT for help.

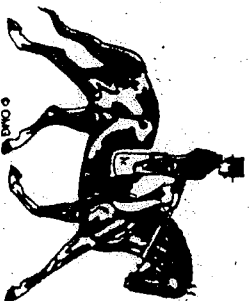
I'm Not a Trail Rider . . .

"I'm interested in dressage, jousting, reining, team penning, jumping, lessons, driving."

No matter what discipline, every equestrian goes trail riding sometime. In the 1992 horse industry survey of 7 counties (Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Pr. George's), the types of riding (except racing) people did ranged from 4-H and Pony Club to showing and fox chasing. The category that claimed the highest percentage of participants was TRAIL RIDING. The loss of trails affects every rider today and future generations of riders tomorrow.

"Trail preservation" also results in preserving open spaces, where fox chasing can continue. "Trail preservation" involves getting use of park lands to hold horse sports like combined training competitions. "Trail preservation" makes sure horses are welcome in public areas.

TROT educates the public on preservation of existing trails and the establishment of new trail systems.



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The Hunters Are Out!

Here's a quick overview of Maryland statewide hunting dates for 2005-06. For more detailed information, members are encouraged to check DNR's website, as follows: <http://dnr.maryland.gov>

Scroll down on left to "Publications"

Under "Wildlife and Heritage Publications,"

Click on "Guide to Hunting & Trapping"

Some highlights:

There are two hunting regions, Region A (Garrett & Allegany counties) and Region B (all other counties). In most cases, the dates are nearly the same but the bag limits differ. Since most TROT members reside in Region B, the following dates were compiled from information for that region (mark your calendar):

Deer Bow*: 9/15-10/19; 10/24-11/25; 12/12-12/16;
1/2-1/5; 1/9-1/31

Deer Muzzleloader: 10/20-10/22; 10/24-10/29; 12/17-
12/31

Deer Firearm*: 11/12 Junior (age 16 or younger);
11/26-12/10; 1/6-1/7

*Sunday hunting is permitted on only two days, **November 6** (bow) and **November 27** (firearm) on private property only in the following counties: Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's St. Mary's, Talbot, Washington, Allegany and Garrett. No Sunday hunting is permitted in any other county.

Remember: Muzzleloaders are guns.

Crossbows are legal for all hunters during the October 1-15, 2005 and January 16-31, 2006 segments of the deer bow seasons, as well as during all gun seasons.

There will be managed deer hunting programs on various public lands, including Fair Hill, Gunpowder and Seneca Creek, as well as in certain county parks throughout the state. These are usually well publicized, but riders may wish to check with park managers regarding planned dates.

Hunting for most other game fall generally within the fall and winter period, but some extend beyond. Check the DNR website for specifics.