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TROT ANNUAL MEETING, POT LUCK DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, February 20, 2010 6:00 PM

Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Dept. Activities Center on the Mt. Airy Fairgrounds
Directions on page 3

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

- A - K Main Dish
- L - N Appetizers
- O - R Desserts
- S - Z Salads and Sides

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

For more information or to help set up contact Janet MacNab
at janet_macnab@comcast.net or 301-622-4157

SILENT AUCTION see page 1 below

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

Annual Meeting, Silent Auction

Kyle Jossi

Be sure your calendar is marked for the TROT Annual Meeting and Silent Auction on February 20th. Along with the Judged Pleasure Ride and membership fees, the Silent Auction is the source of income for all of TROT's activities. This money is used for the newsletter, postage, membership meetings, travel expenses and fees to attend equine-related educational programs. Last year the Silent Auction raised over \$1,800; the 2010 budget calls for the Silent Auction to raise \$2,000 (no pressure here!)

To achieve this goal, we need everyone to participate by donating items to the auction, by getting your local tack

and feed stores to make donations, and by attending the Annual Dinner and Silent Auction and bidding early and often.

To make a donation, please contact Kyle Jossi at bossyjossi@verizon.net or by phone at 301-570-3860. Donated items must be clean and in good/excellent condition and don't necessarily need to be horse related. Do you have a farrier, trainer, or other service provider who might be willing to make a donation of their services? Send me their contact information (email or address) and I'll send them a donor letter.

We are also looking for volunteers to help the evening of the auction. Please contact me by email or phone if you are willing to help.

President's Message

Ron MacNab, President

The year 2010 marks the 30th anniversary of TROT. In 1980, twenty-two riders banded together to preserve the trails in Paint Branch from pending development. Of course the trails in Paint Branch were not the only trails being threatened. Throughout central Maryland, trails were being lost to development. Membership grew as more and more riders were standing up to work with their local governments and sub-division developers. Trails that were once unknown to local governments and ignored by developers were now becoming community hotspots. TROT members working in unison demonstrated a need to preserve trails and demanded consideration. The result has been the network of trails we have today.

Oh yes, trails have been lost, but considering our size and the large metropolitan area in which we live, the volunteer members of TROT have been quite successful. Within central Maryland alone, we now have well over 30 parks with sanctioned equestrian trails. In addition, there are numerous greenways on county master plans that still await fruition and need your support. The trails we have today are better maintained, sustainable and less damaging to the environment. Most important, they are our trails! They are public trails. If we behave ourselves and don't ride when it is muddy and are courteous to hikers, bikers and hunters, we and future generations can expect to enjoy the trails for many years to come.

But the success of TROT and the trails and opportunities we have comes at a price. Volunteer county coordinators and members meet with county officials, appear in unison and testify at public hearings, review building development applications, meet with developers, write letters to elected officials, organize trail work days, and work beside park staff to build, improve, and maintain the trails. When riding, volunteers carry clippers and folding saws to clear fallen or encroaching growth.

To solidify the membership, they work to design and write articles for our newsletters to keep members informed of equestrian issues in their local areas. For social activities,

they put on quarterly meetings with invited speakers, organize annual dinners. They lead group trail rides to socialize and introduce riders to new trails. They attend monthly Director's meetings and accept assignments

they had no plan in accepting. Volunteers rotate to man our booth at the Maryland Horse Expo maintaining a presence twelve hours a day.



To help raise money and help pay for the things TROT does, volunteers organize and prepare trail challenges, clear trails and conduct the Judged Pleasure Ride. Volunteers plan the Annual Auction, solicit merchandise, price, display and conduct the sales. They order, sell and ship our logo clothing, produce and maintain our Web site, Yahoo Groups and send our membership emails. They lead, train and participate on the TROT Search and Rescue Team. Volunteers handle our membership records, welcome new members, send out our mailings and manage our finances. Volunteers tell me what to do, what I should do, and what I should have done.

TROT is an organization of volunteers. They and the work they do are our very essence. Please consider setting aside some time to volunteer for one or more of our activities this year. Your engagement is what makes TROT work.

In 2010, several of our Board members will be coming off the Board after many years of dedicated service. A nominations committee has been formed and we are seeking several interested parties to fill vacancies and increase the size of the Board. If you or someone you would like to nominate is interested in serving, please email a letter of interest or nomination to:

Suzanne Anderson at: trailsendfarm@verizon.net.

Application deadline is January 21, 2010.

TROT Needs Your Help

Suzanne Anderson, T'mi Finkle, Amy Kimble, Ron MacNab

TROT's Nominating Committee is seeking volunteers and nominations for election to TROT's Board of Directors. This is a two year commitment. The Board meets the first Tuesday evening of each month at alternating locations. Board members may attend in person or by phone using a toll-free conferencing system.

The requirements for a Director, as established by our bylaws, are as follows:

(b) Terms. A Director shall serve for two (2) calendar years, beginning with the first board meeting after the

regular annual meeting. The term of office may be extended an additional two (2) years if so desired by the Director. Upon completion of four years, a Director may make their candidacy known to the nominating committee and stand for reelection. To maintain office, Directors are required to attend, in person or by phone, a minimum of 75% of the board meetings held in a 12-month period. Failure to attend at least 75% of the meetings will constitute a resignation by the Director

(c) Duties. The Board of Directors shall have supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of the association, execute the policies and decisions of the active membership, actively promote the association's

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objectives, and have discretion in the disbursement of funds. It shall also determine the minimum amount of annual dues required for membership in the association. It may adopt such rules for the conduct of its business as shall be deemed advisable, and may, in the execution of powers granted, appoint committees or agents to work on specific problems or reports. The Board shall report to the membership on its activities at the annual

meeting. It shall meet on the call of the President or the Secretary or on demand of 20 members of the association.

To apply or nominate someone to the Board, please email a letter of interest or nomination to Suzanne Anderson at trailsendfarm@verison.net.

Application deadline is January 21, 2010.

TROT ANNUAL MEETING, POT LUCK DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, February 20, 2010 at
6:00 PM

**1008 Twin Arch Road,
Mt. Airy, Maryland**

Directions: Route 27 north from I-70. Turn right on Twin Arch Rd. (traffic light). (You will see the fairgrounds on the corner of Route 27 and Twin Arch.) Immediately turn right into the drive, which is lined with white fence posts. There is a brown sign on the left at the beginning of the drive “Welcome to the Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. Activities Grounds.” The building is at the top of the drive.



Riding On Very Wet Areas of the Trails

Amy Kimble- TROT Trail Maintenance Coordinator

We share the trails with hikers, mountain bike riders and others and we need to respect the use of trails by everyone. We create mud pits if we ride when the trails are muddy and as a result another user wrote a complaint to DNR about seeing horseback riders on very wet trails and said the damage they had caused was significant. We are taking on more responsibility for the trail maintenance so please do us a favor and respect the unwritten rules. Thank you and if you had not thought about this before it might help to make us more aware in the future.

Editor's note: excerpts from emails on Wet Trails topic.

“Two good places to ride when it is wet is the C&O Canal Tow Path and the North Track of the Natural Wildlife Research Center near Ft. Meade. Both places have miles of prepared road/trail built to better withstand the wear.”

“In my case, before going out I need to turn around my truck and trailer in my back yard. We live in a low area beside a creek. If the truck is going to cut ruts and damage my lawn, I don't go riding. Of course when you are out on the trails, some places can be dry and other areas soggy. If I come to a soggy area, I turn and look for another path.”

“I would add that you have to think about the parking area where you will leave your trailer. Little Bennett park near Damascus, Md. has a grass parking lot which can get torn up after a rain. Others have pavement.”

“I give my ground a good "dig" with my heel as I walk out to the barn; if I can leave a depression, you know the horses will.

I live adjacent to LOMH and I can assume the trails are at least as wet as at home. When it is wet the ground feels spongy. I fear the state deciding the horses cause too much damage as a result of some not following the request to stay off wet trails. They aren't required to allow us access to all of those wonderful trails we have. WE must respect the conditions.”

“I am told the rule of thumb for Fair Hill is not to ride if we've had precipitation in the last 24 hours. And if the conditions still look wet, riders should be using the gravel & paved trails, not the dirt & turf ones.”

“I also agree with the other person who pointed out that parking may also be on grass or dirt. It's important not to drive on soft grassy areas. Even if you don't get stuck, it does leave nasty ruts.”

“People tell me that rail-trails are "boring", but if you only ride them in wet weather, they are a good alternative to being banned from "other" trails forever!”

County Updates

Need volunteers

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

Charles County

Tomi` Finkle, County Coordinator

Since winter is upon us it can sometimes be challenging to find a hard surface area for horseback riding. From now until spring arrives, unless the ground is frozen, your favorite riding trail will be filled with soft mucky spots. If you do not mind riding on asphalt there is a hidden jewel of a trail that is located less than 3 miles from the Capital Beltway in southern Prince George's County.

The Matthew Henson Greenways is a stream valley greenways running between the Suitland Parkway and the Potomac River. M-NCPPC owns the majority of the corridor. The greenway provides water quality and resource protection benefits and a connection to the Potomac Scenic Heritage Trail.

A 6.5 mile hiker/biker/equestrian trail exists in this corridor, with an estimated three additional miles to be completed in the future. Hard surface parking lots are located off Temple Hills Road, Bock Road, Tucker Road and Oxon Hill Road. I recommend parking off the Temple Hill lot and ride the 6.5 mile trail south. You may come across some walkers and bikers who have never seen a horse there before, so try and be forgiving when they don't know who has the right of way.

More information and parking details about the Henson Creek Trail can be found online at:

http://www.dnr.state.md.us/greenways/henson_trail.html

Ride Safe and please do not ride on wet trails,

Montgomery County

Ron MacNab

Looking Beyond the Trails

Montgomery County Park and Planning Commission has released an eye opening informative video on growth in Montgomery County. The video can be found at

<http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/multimedia/growthpolicy.shtm>.

- In just the past twelve years (since 1998), Montgomery County has grown by nearly 200,000 residents and will gain another 200,000 residents by 2030.
- Only 4% of the county is zoned available for new development. Ninety-six percent of the county is already built upon, is in the Agricultural Reserve or is dedicated parkland.
- Single family housing represents 97% of zoned

residential property, Single family homes occupy 28% of the total land area of the county.

- In the past twenty years 75,700 new housing units have been built and 24 million square feet of office space has been created.

So what does that mean to us? It means it is a darn good thing we acquired our equestrian trails when we did. It also indicates we better take care of them because there is a lot of competition out there to use that land for other things.

For other counties, take note. Demand your Parks and Recreations Departments to purchase parkland along stream valleys where builders run into environmental obstacles and are typically not allowed to build. The parkland will enhance the value of the surrounding land that is developed. This serves the builder, the property owner and residents of the county who will use these parks. Do it now.

Howard County

Pat Oliva

I had the final trail walk-through with park officials at the Western Regional Park. The trail is varied and would make a nice short pleasure ride. The parking would allow about five rigs at a time. At this point they are still planning to smooth the pavement. Then they will "see" if they can go back and rough it out, even if it is just what we need right now. If not, I have told them it is unsafe to

unload horses on smooth pavement and the trailers will have to back up to the grass to unload. Benson Branch is still in limbo. Claire has not responded to my calls and the deadline to apply for grants is over for this year.

Sandy and I took a ride on the partially completed trails around the new community on the south side of Schooley Mill. There is a lot of promise for a beautiful circular trail.

Have a Happy New Year!

St. Mary's County Coordinator

Kathy Glockner is the TROT's new St. Mary's County Coordinator. Part of her motivation is that St Mary's County has 2 new state land purchases for parks and she would like to ensure equestrian access.

Riders to the Rescue

Search And Rescue News: www.trotsar.org
Tomi' Finkle, Team Commander

On November 7th, five (5) team members responded with mounts to Charlottesville Virginia for a search of a missing VT student who had disappeared after attending a concert. Sadly, as of December 15, Morgan Harrington (the victim) remains missing.

On October 31st, two members of the mounted team (Michele Trot 23 and Tim Trot 30) provided mounted presentations at the Dentsville Rescue Squad Public Safety Day. Please get out the December Equiery to see a picture of Michele and her horse Tom along with Sparky the Fire Dog and McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog that was taken during this event.

The Team would like to congratulate Tina Ryner (Trot-33) for completing the Virginia Ground Search and Rescue Col-

lege 50 hour SAR course at Hungry Mother State Park in SW Virginia. Tina is a retired Firefighter/EMT from the Virginia Beach Fire Department. Congratulations also go out to Tim Black (Trot-30) for completion of a 16 hour class for Emergency Vehicle Driver Training – Instructor Level, sponsored by VFIS (our team's insurance provider). The course was held at the Darlington VFD on 11/14-15/09 in Darlington, MD. Tim's instructor level certification adds credibility to our team's vehicle/trailer towing safety programs. Well done Tim!

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

Ride Safe!

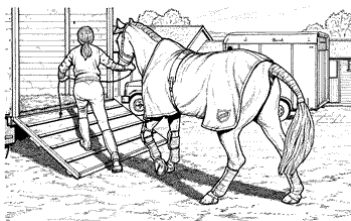
UPCOMING RIDES

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 (301) 898-5504 or tallyhotazz@aol.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).

Stay tuned for the 2010 Ride Schedule! Check the TROT website for updates: www.trot-md.org/calendar.php.

Another Victory – Equestrian access preserved in Prince George's County!

TROT received the following communication from member David Turner, regarding a PG County trail issue addressed in the new Countywide Transportation Planning Master plan:

Thought you might be interested in a recent decision for trail routes along the Potomac River in a historic neighborhood of PG County. We just got a major victory here in the Broad Creek Historic District – one that we thought impossible as recently as last August. The decision has been made to maintain the lovely, narrow rural road through the Historic District here, instead of widening, paving and rerouting the trail, which we judged to be not horse-friendly. And we have succeeded in getting the countywide Transportation Master plan for the next decade to state that any trails through Broad Creek's District must be equestrian friendly. This is a huge victory for historic preservation, and preservation of the equestrian heritage of this area.

David also provided the following insights into this unique historic area:

The Broad Creek Historic District was established by Prince George's County in 1985. The area surrounding Broad Creek, an estuary of the Potomac River, is considered a special place because of its historical significance, its important architectural and archaeological resources, and its unspoiled natural features. It is the neighborhood of the first colonial footprint along the Potomac in the DC region, and has Indian archeology sites that are 12,000 years old. Harmony Hall manor had a notable equestrian presence as far back as 1789, when the imported Thoroughbred stallion Obscurity stood here for two seasons. In the 1980s and 1990s, Harmony Hall was home to a Battersea Morgan carriage horse breeding operation. Most fascinating, the neighborhood is exactly 9 miles from the dome of the U.S. Capital, not an easy location to maintain horse trails.

Congratulations to the PG County historical preservationists and equestrians!

Maryland Horse Industry Leaders Present Strategic Plan to Governor Martin O'Malley

ANNAPOLIS, MD (Dec. 1, 2009),

<http://www.mda.state.md.us/article.php?i=22520>

The Maryland Horse Industry Board has officially released its strategic plan for the Maryland horse industry. The report was developed at the request of Governor Martin O'Malley and with the guidance of more than 300 leaders of the industry at the 2009 Maryland Horse Forum held in August. The 2009 Maryland Horse Forum Final Report was presented to representatives of Governor O'Malley and Agriculture Secretary Earl F. Hance at a joint meeting of the Maryland Horse Industry Board and the Maryland Horse Council. The report details steps that can be taken to grow and improve the Maryland Horse Industry.

"The Maryland horse industry makes up a large and important part of the State's agricultural industry," said Governor O'Malley. "We recognize the importance of the horse sector and thank the Maryland Horse Industry Board, the Maryland Horse Council and all of the Forum participants their hard work in creating this report. I look forward to reviewing the recommendations and working with the sponsors and related state agencies to determine what is feasible to do in these tight budget times to advance the industry and our smart, green and growing future."

"This report will inform policy discussions and decisions for the benefit of the equine industry and help maintain Maryland's rightful place as a world-renowned home for the horse industry," said Secretary Hance. "A vibrant horse sector has a ripple effect, supporting open space and the overall farming community that provides feed, hay, and veterinary services among many other products and services."

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Equine Census, there are more than 87,000 horses in Maryland worth \$680 million on 20,200 horse farms. Assets held by the horse industry are valued at \$5.2 billion. Sixty percent of the horses in Maryland are used for recreational purposes while 40 percent are for racing. There are five race-tracks, not including training facilities like Bowie and Fair Hill, 600 licensed stables offering boarding and/or lessons to the public, and eight steeplechase race courses. In 2005, the American Horse Council calculated that the Maryland horse industry has an annual economic impact of \$1.6 billion.

The 2009 Maryland Horse Forum and the Final Report were sponsored by the Maryland Horse Industry Board, The Equiry publication, the Maryland Horse Breeders Association/Maryland Million, Ltd., Farm Credit, Southern States Cooperative, Maryland Farm Bureau, University of Maryland – Equine Studies, and the Retired Racehorse Training Symposium. For a copy of the report, visit www.mdhorseforum.com.

Membership Report

Jeanne Bond, Membership Chairman

TROT had a banner year in 2009 – we reached 704 members. Equally as exciting is that 137 of those members were new to TROT this year! A warm welcome to all! We'd like to introduce our newest members since the last report:

		County
Sherry Cash	Davidsonville, MD	Anne Arundel
Donna O'Conner	Laurel, MD	Anne Arundel
Peter Tropp	Lothian, MD	Anne Arundel
Barbara Bunch	West River, MD	Anne Arundel
Sharon Osborn	Keymar, MD	Carroll
Jean Hale	Manchester, MD	Carroll
Jacqueline Paugh	Westminster, MD	Carroll
Lisa Lodati	Union Bridge, MD	Frederick
Treena Bell	Walkersville, MD	Frederick
Laurel Stocks	Havre de Grace, MD	Harford
Susan Koment	Woodstock, MD	Howard
Carla Callahan	Broad Run, VA	Prince William
Michele Angle	Boonsboro, MD	Washington county
Susan Fogarty	Hanover, PA	York

THE 2010 RENEWAL SEASON IS UNDERWAY.

Thanks to all of you who sent in your renewals early. There's a renewal form in this newsletter, page 13, for those of you who may not have gotten the reminder. We have lots of time now to plan for a great trail season next year

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TROT Ride - Upper Patauxent River State Park, near Damascus - Saturday, November 7

Write up and photo on page 8.



Treat table for riders and horses.



Newton and Joe

TROT Ride - Upper Patuxent River State Park, near Damascus - Saturday, November 7

Nancy Osgood

The day could not have been more perfect for riding – and there was a good turnout for the TROT ride through the Upper Patuxent River State Park. Riders were Laury Lobel, Yvette Harris, Jacquie Cowan, Sandy Thomas, Jean Swartz, Corrine Pouliquen, Nicholas Pouliquen, Roger Nelson, Cathy Diamond, Nancy Osgood, and Gale Monahan. We had a beautiful 3 hour leisurely ride, through brilliant fall foliage. Everyone relaxed back at the trailers. Thanks to Suzanne Anderson, our ride leader, for showing us a great time and providing cider, apples, and other delicious treats for people and horses!



Trail Guides

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

Blockhouse Point (Farm Loop on Canal at Violettes Lock)

Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

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

Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Cactoctin Mountain Park and Little Bennett

Marilynn Miller (301) 898-7274

EPIC Trail at Dry Seneca Creek, Poolesville

This is mostly private with a sanctioned public route - exceptionally good footing, easy trail, good for exercising in winter. THIS IS NOT THE Great Seneca Greeway Trail that goes to Patuxent! 10 miles round trip

Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Gunpowder State Park at Sweet Air (Harford County)

Karen Penharlow, (410) 236-9365 or KlawPaws@aol.com

Little Bennett Park

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

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

Patuxent River State Park, Rachel Carson and Rock Creek Park, Laury Lobel

(301) 774-9595 or laurylobel@verizon.net

Patapsco State Park off Marriotsville Road

Elizabeth Baran

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

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

Sugarloaf Mt. Vicki Bazan (301) 831-8715

Sugarloaf Mt. Janine Borofka (301) 874-0770

Union Mills/Kowomu Trail

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

Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691 or ivysmink@qis.net

Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD

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

Nancy Osgood at nlosgood@verizon.net

The BIG EVENT for Horse Enthusiasts!.....



HORSE WORLD EXPO



**2
Great
Locations!**



Additional Features and Demonstrations

- Julio Mendoza and his Friesians - MD/PA
- Mid Atlantic Lipizzan Assoc. Quadrille - MD
- Retired Racehorse Training Project - MD/PA
- Welcome Garden and Photo Area - MD
 - 4H Art Contest Judging - MD
- Wind Rider Equestrian Challenge - PA

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In conjunction with the Pennsylvania Expo only.

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Nick Karazissis



John Lyons



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Tom Seay



Stacy Westfall

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Kenny Harlow	General Training, Problem Solving	MD, PA
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Nick Karazissis	Hunter, Jumper & Equitation	MD
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Bill Kirsch & Barry Sands	Farm Financing	PA
Dr. Nick Kohut	Endurance, Competitive Trail Riding	MD
Danny Kroetch	Saddle Fitting	PA
Gary Lane	Gaited Horses	MD, PA
KC La Pierre, DVM, MS, PhD	Barefoot Hoof Care	MD, PA
Pat Liquori	Bareback Riding	MD, PA
Sandy Hart Long	Footing & Arena Preparation	MD
John Lyons	General Training	MD
Boyd Martin	Eventing	MD
Matt McLaughlin	Dressage, Haute Ecole	PA
Julio Mendoza	Dressage	MD, PA
Courtney Molino, DVM, MS, PhD	Equine Massage Therapy	MD
Dan Moore, DVM	Natural Equine Healthcare	PA
Joel Napp	Equine Dentistry	MD
Pirelli Natural Horsemanship	Natural Horsemanship	PA
Penn State University	Various Educational Topics	PA
Stewart Pittman	Retired Racehorse Training Project	MD, PA
Scott Purdue	General Training	MD, PA
Caroline Rider	Natural Horsemanship	MD, PA
Heath Ryan	Dressage	MD
Rick Shaffer	Gaited Horses	MD, PA
Neva Kittrell Scheve	Trailer/Tow Vehicle Selection & Safety	MD
Tom Seay	Best of America by Horzeback	MD, PA
Brenda Senseny	Endurance, Competitive Trail Riding	MD
Suzanne Shoppard	Self-Help for Riders, Wind Rider Challenge	PA
Sandy Siegrist	Holistic Healthcare for the Horse	MD, PA
Jan Snodgrass	Team Method Training	MD
Evelyn and Mark Sasol	Dressage and Jumpers	PA
Tommy Turvey Jr	Trick Horse Training	PA
University of Maryland	Various Educational Topics	MD
Brooke Vranj	Horse Rescue, Unwanted Horse Issues	MD, PA
Diann L. Walcott, PhD	Rider Fear	MD
Stacy Westfall	Reining, General Training	PA
Jeanne C. Whited	Side Saddle Riding	MD
Bud and Gwen Wills	Horse Camping, Trail Riding	PA
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Horse Boarding Available: 6 acres in Gaithersburg which include three pastures, a four stall stable barn with tack room, hay loft, and water and electric. Property is nicely secluded with a natural spring and backs Muddy Branch Park and riding trails. Full or partial board is available for \$200-\$300 (pricing negotiable). Location is off of Turkey Foot Rd in 20878 zip code. Please call Steve at (703) 887-1799 with questions and to view

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Belle Cote Farm: Field board available for adults on a private farm in Burtonsville, MD. Lighted outdoor arena and direct access to WSSC trails. \$300/mo. with a multiple horse discount. Prefer retired, semi-retired, or non-showing horses. Horses are also available for lease Contact Jennifer at (301) 641-8903 or email at bcfarmgirl@hotmail.com

SHARE A LOVELY HOME ON A SMALL HORSE FARM: Seeking non-smoking housemate. Two furnished rooms with private bath. Shared kitchen. Garage, utilities, and full-care field board for horse included. \$1200. Discount for help with light animal care. Laytonsville, MD. Contact Lisa at (301) 908-0569 or lisafeit@aol.com.

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HORSES - SALE, LEASE OR FREE

THREE GELDED QUARTER HORSES FOR SALE: Good feet, bone, and sturdy confirmation. Used as trail horses, easy keep, and no vices. They are updated on all shots, feet, and teeth. "Oakie"- AQHA 17yr grey, "Huckleberry"- APHA 20yr paint, and "Dancer"- AQHA 20yr chestnut with star and stripe. We also have saddles (English and Western), tack, saddle blankets and pads, and grooming supplies for sale! For more information reply to Lindsey@glenstone.org or call (301) 983.5678

Partial or Full Lease. 14.1 hh part Connemara, 12 yo mare. Cute bay, solid, pretty and friendly. Perfect for that smallish adult rider who wants to "downsize" off their TB or for a family with young beginner riders. Quiet but responsive on trails; great brakes with a snaffle. Boarded at friendly family-oriented barn in Poolsville; close to Towpath and trails. Contact Karen at widgaiter@aol.com.

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

Horse available: sane, 8 yr TB gelding, 15.3, bay. I need to find a home for my horse. I broke my back and can't ride him. I've tried for many months, I can't. He is lovely, loves to jump, good on trails, very honest and willing to try. He is still green and needs work, raced very lightly, off the track for 4 years. UTD on all. He is field boarded now and needs to live with other horses. I'd like to get \$1,500 but am much more concerned with a good home. Contact Joan at jshorsemom@verizon.net or call (301) 559-3345

Lease with option to buy. 16.3 hh lovely chestnut Hanovarian/TB mare, 20 y.o. for trail riding or dressage. Shown lightly in PVDA last year with raves from the judges. Supple, big-strided, comfortable and sane. Loves to trail ride and is kind and smart. Contact Karen at widgaiter@aol.com.

Belle Cote Farm: Several nice horses available for lease to adults, 21 years and older, on a private farm in Burtonsville, MD. Lighted outdoor arena and direct access to WSSC trails. \$175/mo. half lease. Different lease options are available. Contact Jennifer at (301) 641-8903 or email at bcfarmgirl@hotmail.com

MISC. - TRAILERS, SADDLES, TACK, ETC.

For sale: Like-new Freeform treeless Classic model saddle. Black, 18" smooth leather spare seat and black nubuck seat is currently on saddle. This is a TREELESS saddle made in Italy of Italian leather. A wonderful endurance saddle - comfortable for both rider and horse. Most comfortable saddle I have ever ridden in, and I have tried many! New they cost \$1600.00. Hard to find used, as most people keep them (I bought a new one with suede). Can email pics. Selling it with a neoprene dressage girth (it has long billets) and leathers. \$1100.00. Call before 8 p.m. (301) 855-2485.

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18" Thornhill protrainer trail saddle – medium tree – color: brown, complete with fittings (stirrups leathers, weighted stirrups and 2-46" girths. Very comfortable for long hours in the saddle. Excellent condition. Asking \$800 for set. Email for photos. Email: crhodes@gingerv.net or cell: (301) 717-6178.

For Sale: 17 inch Stubben Athos Saddle, med. wide tree, with fittings (stirrups, etc.). Saddle has been well maintained and is in excellent condition. Great for trail riding ,etc. Just in time for Christmas. Asking \$ 400.00. Please call (301) 829-2498 or (240) 308-1593 leave message.

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

EASEMENTS – WHAT THEY MEAN TO YOU.

Nancy Osgood

Easements allow riders like you to use trails that are on private property. Please see the article in the November 2009 issue of the TROT Newsletter to help you understand how critically important easements are in preserving our equestrian trails on developed land. TROT Board Member Susan Gray is requesting information regarding existing easements, particularly in Montgomery County. Please contact her (240-426-1655 or susan@campSusan.com) if you:

- have information on trails that go through or along a subdivision, or
- have information regarding trails that you believe are established by an easement.



Annual Membership Application

_____ New Membership

_____ Membership Renewal for Year 2010

Name of Applicant (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Spouse/Sig Other _____ Other family members _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ E-mail _____

Home Phone _____ Cell/Alternate Phone _____

Please circle any information you do not want included in our Membership Directory. All membership information is for the private use of TROT members. We do not release any membership information outside this organization.

Annual membership rates for January 1 – December 31:

One year membership	\$20.00 per year	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Family
Contributing member	\$30.00 per year	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Family
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Additional contributions	\$ _____	<i>(tax deductible)</i>	

Number of membership cards required _____

Membership is for the calendar year. All individuals included in a family TROT membership must be members of the same family living at the same address. Additional contributions are welcome and help to preserve the trails you ride on. TROT is a tax exempt, nonprofit organization and contributions are tax deductible.

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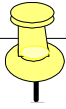
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THE HORSE WORLD EXPO IS COMING!

Look inside for the full-page ad for the Expo, which runs from January 21-24 at the Timonium Fairgrounds. Be sure to stop by the TROT booth and say Hi! to our great volunteers! Page 9.

**TROT ANNUAL MEETING – POTLUCK & SILENT AUCTION
FEBRUARY 20!**

Don't forget to collect some items for our Silent Auction – it is a great way to support TROT's activities. See details inside! Pages 1, 3.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Please be assured that your membership is important in the work that TROT does – our strength is in our numbers and our dedicated volunteers! Read the President's Message to get a sense of TROT's history and our riding future. Page 2.



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