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## NOTICE

### TROT's Newsletter

While the TROT Board of Directors and Newsletter Editor endeavor to keep our members updated with equestrian information relevant to trail riding in MD and nearby PA, VA, WV, DC and DE, we are an all-volunteer organization and need your help. When vigilant TROT members hear about relevant legislation, changes to riding venues, new riding or horse-camping areas, or other information that would be useful to the TROT membership, please inform Barbara Sollner-Webb, who will coordinate submissions for the Newsletter ([bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu) or 301-604-5619). We are counting on YOUR input -- verbally, in writing, or as a draft Newsletter article.

## ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION

### Another Success! Priscilla Huffman

TROT's 34th annual dinner was held this year on Saturday, March 1 at the Mt. Airy Fire Hall in Mt. Airy, MD with about 110 members and guests attending. Thanks to a tireless group of volunteers, and a bounty of pot-luck offerings, the dinner was a great success. As always, there was lots of networking, catching up on trail and horse news and picking up some good bargains as well.

**Pat Talbott**, TROT President, thanked the officers and board who served in 2013. Four board members are retiring from the board: **Pat Merson** (Vice-President), **Kyle Jossi**, **Kathy Coviello** and **Pat Oliva**. Pat Oliva is one of the founding members of TROT.

We were honored to have Ross Peddicord, Executive Director of the Maryland Horse Industry Board, attend our meeting. Ross took a few moments to share his vision of the current MHIB trails projects, identifying trails across the state.

**Stephanie Cacopardo** thanked our ride leaders from last year, and introduced **Lisa Troutman**, who will be serving as ride coordinator for the coming year. Lisa has several rides already planned. **Amy Kimble**, who is coordinating TROT's Adopt-A-Trail project, thanked everyone who has been participating in the program, and reviewed the upcoming trail clearing projects, which are already scheduled. (Check this issue of the newsletter for both upcoming trail rides and trail work days.)

**Susan Railey** gave a very informative report on TROT's finances, and **Dick Huffman** reported on TROT's membership, including the 6 new and 16 renewing memberships processed at the dinner.

» Annual Dinner Photos on Page 11

## Annual Dinner Continued

**Priscilla Huffman** and others had prepared a list of TROT's accomplishments for the year – two pages of projects! **Barbara Sollner-Webb** highlighted one of these that was successful in retaining use of a key trail only because so many TROT members wrote letters and turned out to testify for this cause.

**Chris Ferland** did lots of behind the scenes work in tracking silent auction donations, and with the help of **Susan Railey** and **Judy Thacher**, the auction grossed over \$1,500. **Amy Kimble** and **Pat Oliva** were a big help with the auction set-up.

**Nancy Osgood** created six unique gift baskets again this year for our drawings, and twenty lucky members and guests won the lovely blown glass centerpieces centerpieces that had been created by **Maria Schwartz**.

Members voted in three new board appointees: **Jeff Dwyer**, **Terry Ledley** and **Nancy Osgood**. **Terry Ledley** is also a founding member of TROT.

Our guest speaker was **Jeff Dwyer of Ebbtide Stables** in Anne Arundel County. Jeff has a mosaic of horse experience ranging from breeding and starting gaited horses to ranch work to Spanish haute école dressage while working as a trainer for Medieval Times. Jeff jokingly refers to himself as a 'horse repair man' often taking on problem or 'dangerous' horses. He shared one of his recent memorable riding experiences: winning the Dancing Horse Challenge at the Potomac Valley Dressage Association event last summer.

**Pat Talbott**, one of our very active members for many years, was thanked for her past two years of service as TROT President. New officers will be elected at the next board meeting.

Many volunteers helped with both set-up and clean up, and ensured a smooth, successful and fun event, including: **Anne Bennof, Cathy Diamond, Chris Ferland, Ingrid Gentry, Dick Huffman, Priscilla Huffman, Kelly Kelley, Amy Kimble, Laury Lobel, Janet MacNab, Ron MacNab, Deneen Martin, Br. Roger Nelson, Pat Oliva, Nancy Osgood, Jenn Poole, Susan Railey, Margaret Scarff, Maria Schwartz, Sim Shanks, Melanie Sumpter, Pat Talbott, Judy Thacher, Margaret Scarff, Sim Shanks, Barbara Sollner-Webb, and Denis Webb**.

Also, **Chrissy Jongezoon**, of Say it Graphics, brought TROT Wear for folks to purchase at the dinner.

Thanks to everyone for a great team effort!

We welcome your suggestions on how we can make the annual dinner even better. Please send any comments to [priscillahuffman@verizon.net](mailto:priscillahuffman@verizon.net).

Added note: In addition to the two page list of TROT's accomplishments that was handed out, at the dinner which succinctly summarized how many important initiatives TROT spearheads to help retain our trails and our equestrian way of life, one very important one was inadvertently omitted. A critical accomplishment for horse owners in Howard County (and important for horse owners elsewhere, as a precedent) was TROT members discovering issues and leading an impressively successful effort to amend Howard County's proposed zoning regulation changes to allow the continuation of small horse farms in the county.

## BOARD MEETINGS MINUTES

### Summary-Jan. & Feb., 2014 Priscilla Huffman

#### Trail rides

Lisa Troutman has volunteered as the trail ride coordinator for 2014. The board discussed the possibility of charging \$5.00 as a temporary one-day membership so that guests could join the ride. A list of trail rides set up so far this year will be available at the annual dinner.

#### Newsletter

Barbara Sollner-Webb volunteered lead an effort to promote more newsletter submissions from members. It was mentioned that if someone sees an interesting article online, permission does not need to be granted if the article is summarized, and a link provided for the full article.

#### Baltimore County

A potluck dinner and meeting was held November 19 with 14 people attending. Several TROT members have registered as MD Dept of Natural Resources volunteers for Gunpowder Falls State Park.

#### Carroll County

The Carroll County Equestrian Council would like to partner with TROT for trail clearing projects. A joint meeting will be scheduled at a future date.

#### Prince George's County

Rocky Gorge trails were opened by WSSC for one day only, Saturday January 4, and several members rode the trails. TROT provided testimony at a WSSC board meeting on December 18 requesting that the trails be left open during the winter months.

#### Montgomery County

The County Executive has declined funding for the North Branch Trail Project which would have provided a paved multi-use trail from Lake Frank to the Olney area. With the denial of funds, TROT would like to see an improved natural surface trail built at a fraction of the cost.

A horse camping area is planned for the summer at Little Bennett Park near the Prescott Rd trailer parking area. The plan, to be completed by the Boy Scouts, will have three campsites and running water nearby.

Maryland Bills HBO138 and SBO309 would decrease the archery hunting safety zone size from 150 yards to 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or other building. If passed, the bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

The Agricultural Farm Park has agreed to locate a porta-potty near the horse trailer parking area from April through November. The facility will be funded by TROT.

#### Howard County

The porta-potty facilities by the arena have been locked although they were open last winter. Facilities are still open at the playground area. TROT will contact Howard County parks to get more information.

#### Horse World Expo

All volunteer positions for staffing the TROT booth at Horse World Expo January 17-19, 2014 were filled. A procedures manual for booth volunteers was prepared that will be helpful for future events. The booth processed a record number of new and renewing memberships. Over 50 people signed up to get more information on the Judged Pleasure Ride.

**Annual dinner**

The annual potluck dinner and silent auction will be held at March 1, 2014 at the Mt. Airy fire hall. Jeff Dwyer of Ebbtide Stables in Anne Arundel County will be the guest speaker. TROT logo clothing will be available for sale, and orders can be taken for other logo items. Drawings will be held for six gift baskets. The new board for 2014 will be voted on by the general membership and proposed officers introduced.

**Judged Pleasure Ride**

June 7 was proposed and voted on as the rescheduled date for the JPR. The event will be held at Ebbtide Stables in Anne Arundel County with June 14 scheduled as the rain date. Riders will go out in regular intervals. *[Since that meeting, the JPR has been postponed.]*

**Contact management software**

The board approved a six-month trial for Constant Contact which will allow for e-mail reminders to more easily be sent to all members.

**Adopt-A-Trail project**

The board approved this trail maintenance project for another year. A proposal has been received from the Mid Atlantic Off Road Enthusiasts (MORE) regarding assisting and providing equestrian input for a new multi-user trail system in the northwest part of Patuxent River State Park. A kick off meeting with MD Dept of Natural Resources will be scheduled in the next few months. Amy Kimble would like people to contact her who would be interested in helping work on the barn at the Greentop area at Catoctin.

**The next board meeting will be held on March 11, 2014**

**TROT NEW MEMBERS**

**Welcome to our 20 new members** Dick Huffman

TROT new members report as of February 17,2014  
Welcome to our 20 new members , since our last newsletter.  
We invite your participation and support of the fellowship and satisfaction of rides and activities which offer enjoyable riding and the opportunity to support maintenance of our great Trail Riding environment.

**The new members , and the county they represent are:**

- Alyce Soffer . . . . . York
- Lee Schipper . . . . . Washington
- Rose Dipple . . . . . Harford
- Elisa Moseley . . . . . Washington
- Jeff Dwyer . . . . . Anne Arundel
- Claudia Walters . . . . . Howard
- Jennifer Bajackson . . . . . Baltimore
- Janet Dyer . . . . . Baltimore
- Karen Houston . . . . . York
- Dave Knox . . . . . Prince George's
- Lynda Rogers . . . . . Frederick
- Victoria Abb . . . . . Howard
- Millissa Brehm . . . . . York
- Jeanie Feldman . . . . .Montgomery
- Julie Hazen . . . . .Calvert
- Lisa Holder . . . . . Prince George's
- Connie Hutz . . . . . Anne Arundel
- Paula Pryor . . . . . Carroll
- Lisa Trovillion . . . . . Anne Arundel
- Catherine Newport . . . . .Montgomery

**MARYLAND LEGISLATION**

**Hunting Bills Being Considered in Annapolis** Ron MacNab

Each year the Maryland Senate and General Assembly consider a large host of hunting bills. In earlier years the Bills tended to be increasingly restrictive, in recent years, primarily due to the over abundance of deer, the pendulum is swinging the other way.

For most trail riders and fox hunters, the concern has been to keep Sundays free of hunting while realizing the need to control the deer population. The Maryland Horse Council (TROT is a member) has been lobbying to allow DRN to extend the hunting season as necessary, while restricting Sunday hunting. This solution provides the means to satisfy all but the most intransigent of stakeholders. Never-the-less, the flurry of Sunday hunting and related bills continue.

This year there are eighteen bills that could directly or indirectly affect trail riders. The range of bills includes Sunday hunting by county, Sunday hunting statewide, decreasing archery safety zones around houses, churches or other buildings occupied by humans . My personal amusement favorites are allowing bow hunters to carry handguns for their personal protection; and of course the one charging a misdemeanor that brings a \$500 fine to anyone (other than hunters) who put out food for deer. Those are hard ones to top.

Below is a detailed list of relevant hunting Bills being considered. For more information about a particular Bill, visit [mgaleg.maryland.gov](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov)

HB 138 / SB0309 Montgomery Establishes for archery hunters in Montgomery County a safety zone of 50 yards within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances. The former limit was 150 yards

HB 196 / SB0192 Anne Arundel Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish by regulation a fall turkey season for the portion of Anne Arundel County lying south of MD Route 214; and requiring the dates and bag limits for the fall turkey season established under the Act to be consistent with the dates and bag limits established for the fall turkey season in Allegany County, Garrett County, and Washington County.

HB 197 / SB0191 Anne Arundel Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday on private property in Anne Arundel County from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive, subject to specified provisions of law.

HB 262 / SB0231 Statewide Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from restricting specified licensed bow hunters from openly carrying a handgun under specified circumstances.

HB 406 / SB0472 Allegany, Garrett, Washington Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County to hunt any game mammal on a Sunday on specified public and private land during the open season for that game mammal.

HB 432 / SB0473 Allegany, Garrett, Washington Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday on specified property from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive, in Allegany

County, Garrett County, and Washington County subject to specified provisions of law.

HB 669 Harford Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include in the deer muzzle loader season a minimum of 2 days in January for the hunting of both antlered and antlerless deer in Harford County.

HB 670 StatewideThis bill establishes a statewide archery hunting safety zone of 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or other building or camp occupied by human beings. Currently, a 50 yard safety zone only applies in Carroll and Frederick counties.

HB 671 StatewideAuthorizing a person to hunt deer on private property on any Sunday during the deer bow hunting season, subject to specified provisions of law.

HB 672 Harford Authorizing a person to hunt deer on private property in Harford County on any Sunday during the deer bow hunting season, subject to specified provisions of law.

HB 673 Harford Altering the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Harford County within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances.

HB 675 StatewideEstablishing that the Department of Natural Resources may require an applicant to provide only specified information on an application for a recreational hunting or fishing license; altering the information that a request for information from a recreational hunting or fishing license application made by the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Natural Resources is required to contain; etc.

HB 759 Calvert Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday on private property in Calvert County from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive, subject to specified provisions of law.

HB 769 StatewideEstablishing that the Department of Natural Resources may require an applicant to provide only specified information on an application for a recreational hunting or fishing license; altering the information that a request for information from a recreational hunting or fishing license application made by the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Natural Resources is required to contain; etc.

HB 860 StatewideProhibiting a person from using food, salt, or other mineral-based attractants for the purpose of attracting deer except under specified circumstances; authorizing a person to use food, salt, or other mineral-based attractants to attract deer for the purpose of lawful hunting activities or specified population control activities; and providing for a fine of up to \$500 for violation of the Act.

HB 890 StatewideRepealing specified provisions of law authorizing deer hunting on private property on specified Sundays in specified counties; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on private property on specified Sundays; making the Act an emergency measure; etc

HB 1133 StatewideEstablishing for archery hunters in St. Mary's County a safety zone of 100 yards within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances.

HB 1356 StatewideProhibiting the Department of Natural Resources from restricting licensed bow hunters who are at least 21 years old from carrying a handgun for personal protection.

## WORK DAYS

### Volunteers needed Amy Kimble

Work days will be for both mounted and on-foot volunteers unless otherwise noted.

Please RSVP to Amy Kimble ([amyhkimble@aol.com](mailto:amyhkimble@aol.com)) so we can coordinate tools, work areas etc.

No more than 4 to a group; we hope to have multiple groups at each site. We spread out so we can be more efficient.

Please come for any or all of the trail work day between 10-1 for March and April and then we can move the time block earlier as it gets hotter.

We will be joining Carroll County for some work days this year to be more efficient.

**3/16 Sun. 10AM-1PM:** Patuxent State Park- between Rt. 97 and Howard Chapel on foot and mounted.

**3/23 Sun. 10AM-1PM:** Catoctin Mountain -Equestrian Trail

**4/5 Sat. 10AM-1PM:** Patuxent State Park -Annapolis Rock

**4/20 Sun. 10AM-1AM:** Monocacy DNR -off Rt.28

**4/27 Sun. 9AM-noon:** Union Mills w/ Carroll County (Amy at March Of Dimes Walk in Frederick)

**5/10 Sat. 9AM-noon:** Gillis Falls w/ Carroll County

**5/18 Sun. 9AM-noon:** Morgan Run w/ Carroll County

**Fall of the 2014 - TROT Judged Pleasure Ride:** All volunteers needed to ride or help

**All Adopt A Trail Volunteers** should focus on their section of trail and I will be happy to help or get a work crew together if you need additional help.

I am very excited about 2014! This year try and give back just 5 percent to trail work for your time in the saddle.

Everyone should keep track of any and all trail work they do. Your record should include location , time spent, mounted or on foot.

Please report any trail issues (i.e., down trees etc.) to Amy Kimble so that we can make out presence known and we can take action for OURTRAILS.

## TROT TRAIL RIDES SCHEDULE

### Trail Rides for 2014! Lisa Troutman

Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on any ride and for information about start time, location and directions. All ride participants must wear a helmet, be TROT members; membership forms will be available at rides for non-members and you can always join online. Current negative coggins must be provided for each horse.

The most current trail ride information is available on the TROT website. If you have any questions about a ride, please visit the TROT website and contact the trail ride leader.

## TROT Trail Ride Schedule Continued

If you would like to lead a trail ride, contact Lisa Troutman at [cat.home@verizon.net](mailto:cat.home@verizon.net) or 301-928-5243. It's fun and a great opportunity to meet other TROT members and maybe find a new trail buddy. My motto is: Pick your place, pick your pace, pick your space.

If you need a ride to a TROT event or can offer one please email Marcia Lyons to be listed in an upcoming newsletter. Or contact the ride leader.

### APRIL

**Introduction to North Tract – Saturday April 5 (rain date Sunday April 6).** Ride Leader Barbara Sollner-Webb

We will have a TROT ride at the "North Tract" of "Patuxent Research Refuge" (part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, formerly known as the "Fort Meade Trails") in eastern Laurel, MD. This vast tract is part of America's only wildlife refuge devoted to research, established in 1936 by President Roosevelt, but it also offers wildlife-related activities including horseback riding, hiking, biking, etc. It is open 8 AM – 4 PM every day except federal holidays, but for use Sept to Jan, be sure to call ahead (301-497-5770) to make sure the trails are not closed because of hunting. Riding here is free but you must check in at the visitor's center.

Our ride will cover much of their almost 10 miles of rather scenic, hard-packed dirt/gravel woods trails. The ground is quite flat and EXTREMELY STURDY. Please note that these trails were originally designed to support tanks, back when the land was Fort Meade's, and they have a solid rock base covered by dirt and crushed stone; so no matter how wet the ground is, riding here does not damage the trails!! The consistency (dirt with crushed stone) is fine barefoot for all but very foot-sensitive horses, and there are no stream crossings to bother spooky horses. It is also pretty, riding through woods and out to a nice bird sanctuary-type pond.

We will likely again have 3 groups. 1) walk-only 2) walk/trot (aiming for about half-half) 3) walk/trot/canter (a good amount of trotting, but with enough walking in between to let the out-of-shape horses fully recover, and enough canter runs to be fun); plus, there are numerous sections where a sub-group can gallop on ahead if they want to.

After the (~2 ½ - 3 hr) ride, we can enjoy a pot-luck on the visitors' center outdoor seating. So please bring a dish to share! It usually is yummy!

To sign up for the ride (and learn the starting time!), call me at home (301-604-5619) or e-mail [bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu)

### MAY

**Woodstock Park Sunday, May 11, 2012** Ride leaders Andrea Caplan and Lisa Troutman

Beautiful trails along grassy fields, in the woods, and some gravel roads. There are stream crossings and several wooden bridges. The ride will be 2 – 3 hours, at a medium pace (walk and trot). Bring water for your horse as there is no water at the trailer parking area. Please bring a lunch and chair for afterward. Ample parking on west side of Rt 28. Event will be canceled if we have significant rain 48 hours prior to the ride.

Contact: Andrea at: 301-346-5716 or email [andrea@thebodypolitic.net](mailto:andrea@thebodypolitic.net) or Lisa at email [cat.home@verizon.net](mailto:cat.home@verizon.net)

**Rocky Gorge Watershed Saturday May 17 - Raindate May 31.** Ride leaders: Terry Ledley - 301-776-2661; Barb Sollner-Webb & Denis Webb – [bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu)

Despite the name, the footing is ok for barefoot horses. The view should be great with spring blooming wild flowers and magnificent views of the reservoir with a good chance of seeing heron and maybe an eagle. There are plenty of easy stream crossings to water the horses. Terry will be leading a walk-only group, and Barbara and Denis Webb will lead a walk-trot group and a walk-trot-canter group. After the 3 hour ride there will be a pot luck lunch at the Webbs. Your pot-luck contribution will get ferried from the trailer parking area to the Webbs for the lunch. There is a rain date of May 31.

**Doncaster State Forest, Ironsides, MD Friday May 30, 2014.** Ride Leader Donata Dow

Doncaster State Forest has miles of wonderful trails. The ride will be on woodland trails with bridge and stream crossings. The pace will be depend on the group. This ride is good for horses starting out. Shoes are not needed. The ride will be two to three hours long. Bring a lunch for after the ride.

Contact information: email: [donata410@gmail.com](mailto:donata410@gmail.com) or phone 301-743-5114

### JUNE

**Liberty Reservoir – Sunday June 1** Ride leader Mary Prowell

This ride will be a combination of a dirt fire road that goes around Liberty Reservoir and some woods trails that connect to it. The footing is mostly good although there are some rocks on the fire road and part of the woods trail is not well used. The pace will be walk/trot/canter. Depending on the number of riders, there may be a walk/trot group and a walk only group. The Reservoir is a pretty place to ride with views of the water and through a mostly deciduous forest. Pack a lunch for the lunch break. There can be hikers, bike riders and sometimes motor bikes on the fire road so horses should be able to deal with those things. Plan to be out for 2½ to 3 hours. Location/parking: Park on Deer Park Rd.

Contact Mary Prowell at email [boprow@aol.com](mailto:boprow@aol.com)

### JULY

**New Market - Saturday July 12** Ride leader Steff Cacopardo

The ride will be mostly walk, trot, w/ some canter. No shoes or boots needed as there is very little rock. We will be mostly in the woods w/ a short walk on pavement on a dead end road w/ only 4 houses on it. There will be creek crossings w/ clean water for the horses to drink. Deer flies will be joining us so a mask, ear covers or bonnet is a must for your horse. Ride time about 90 minutes. After the ride you can swim your horse in the pond below the trailer parking. The pond has a horse/people friendly gravel entry. There is space for at least a dozen horses in the shade while we have our after ride BBQ.

Please bring a side dish. I will get the burgers and dogs from Mt. Airy Meat Locker, supporting local farmers.

Contact Steff Cacopardo at 240-876-9689

## TROT Trail Ride Schedule Continued

### SEPTEMBER

Cedarville State Park, Brandywine, MD – TBD Ride leader Judie Artman

### NOVEMBER

Anacostia Park – TBD Ride leader John Angevine

## TROT TRAIL RIDES

### A huge thank you Lisa Troutman

A huge thank you to all the people who have lead trails for TROT or attended the rides! With your help and dedication, we've had many years filled with a wide variety of trail rides. One vital part of TROT is the trail rides lead by volunteers like you. The purpose of the trail



rides is to introduce equestrians to trails around Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania; to introduce trail riders to other trail riders with similar interests; and to help identify and maintain equestrian access to trails.

TROT helps to secure equestrian easements or other rights of way that will permit preservation or re-routing of trails, even in areas that are undergoing new development. TROT also works closely with various county, state and national authorities to ensure that public recreational lands are open to equestrians. TROT has been instrumental in the establishment and expansion of many miles of park trails. In 2013 TROT maintained equestrian access to the WSSC watershed and to North Tract at the Patuxent Research Refuge.

TROT needs the active participation of all equestrians. Please consider being a trail ride leader in 2014. We encourage you to lead a ride on any trail system you would like to share with others. The more trails TROT knows about, especially if there any concerns about access or trail condition, the more we can help protect them. Amy Kimble, our Adopt a Trail Committee Leader, can organize a trail clearing day prior to your planned ride to assure the trail ride will be a success. If you chose to lead a ride, you can specify the ride any way you like. This includes pace, distance and number of participants. My motto is Pick you place, Pick your pace, and Pick your space. Please contact Lisa Troutman at [cat.home@verizon.net](mailto:cat.home@verizon.net) or at 301-928-5243 if you're interested in leading a ride in 2014 or learning what is involved in leading a trail ride. No experience

is necessary, just a love of trail riding and sharing the trails you know! Above all, have fun!

## PA RANGERS 2014 JPR

### Sunday April 13<sup>TH</sup>

PA Rangers 2014 Spring Judged Pleasure Ride. Sunday April 13<sup>TH</sup> At Codorus State Park. Rain Or Shine. 6 Miles And 6 Obstacles, Great For A Spring Warm Up. Come And Enjoy The Beautiful Park And Fun Time With The Rangers. Cost Is \$25, All Participants Must Pre-Register. Forms Are Available At [www.Parangers.Com](http://www.Parangers.Com).

## TROT LOGO WEAR

### Show your support

Wear TROT Logo Wear to show support for YOUR riding club As you have probably heard, TROT's Executive Board has arranged that you can conveniently shop for your favorite TROT Logo Wear, as well as other desired items such as mugs, saddle pads, etc. that you would like to emblazon with our club's logo, even ordering in your pajamas! Say It!Graphics, owned and operated by TROT member Chrissy Jongezoon, offers a wide range of high quality reasonably priced clothing and other accessories emblazoned with the TROT logo by screen printing and embroidery. You can order 24/7 at [www.sayitgraphics.com](http://www.sayitgraphics.com), or for inquiries e-mail Chrissy at [web@sayitgraphics.net](mailto:web@sayitgraphics.net) or call at 301-829-5959. Or come by Say It! Graphics -- at 239 South Main St, Mt. Airy, MD 21771 -- to see the items before ordering or to immediately purchase from TROT's assortment of pre-emblazoned logo wear. As an additional incentive, and without raising the price, Say It! Graphics donates 15% of the purchase price to TROT!

## ADOPT A TRAIL

### Help Maintain Your Trails Amy Kimble

Please sign up to help maintain your trails you use on a daily basis. I will come out and help you get started. We all take care of our trails but need to formally report on how much time we spend taking care of our trails. We also need to work with land managers to get permission and collaborate our efforts. Ideally we will have one spokes person for each park etc. and they will be the contact for that land manager so that the park managers will not be overwhelmed with emails and duplicate reports.

Please feel free to contact me and talk about this exciting new program.

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## 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.

### **Benson Branch Park**

Sandy Brewer Email [sandbrewer@aol.com](mailto:sandbrewer@aol.com)

### **Blockhouse Point** (Farm Loop on Canal at Violettes Lock)

Naomi Manders e-mail: [naomimanders0@gmail.com](mailto:naomimanders0@gmail.com)

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

Naomi Manders e-mail: [naomimanders0@gmail.com](mailto:naomimanders0@gmail.com)

### **Cactoctin Mountain Park and Little Bennett**

Marilynn Miller (301) 898-7274

### **Croom, Md area, South of PG Equestrian Center**

I am the trail historian for this area. I can keep you riding over different trails for 6 hours! People would leave from my farm in Croom & can ride to Patuxent River Park (Jug Bay), the Wildlife Sanctuary and Spice Creek Park. I am available Fri-Sat-Sun-Mon as a tour guide. Carol [CAAuletta@aol.com](mailto:CAAuletta@aol.com) or (301) 579-2342

### **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 Greenway Trail that goes to Patuxent! 10 miles round trip  
Naomi Manders e-mail: [naomimanders0@gmail.com](mailto:naomimanders0@gmail.com)

### **Gunpowder State Park (Harford County)**

Joyce Browning (410) 557-6165 / (443) 966-0249

### **Little Bennett Park**

Jim and Maureen Henry (301) 676- 5298.

### **Mont. Co. side of Patuxent River State Park, Rachel Carson and Rock Creek Park,**

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

### **Patapsco State Park off Marriotsville Road**

She is available during the week and weekend and would love to show other TROT members the trails.  
Elizabeth Baran C: (410) 245-8942

### **Sugarloaf Mt.**

Vicki Bazan (301) 831-8715 or Janine Borofka (301) 874-0770

### **Union Mills/Kowomu Trail**

Also Liberty Reservoir trails [off Deer Park Road] , Morgan Run Trails and Codorus Park [in PA].  
Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691 or [smink.ivy@gmail.com](mailto:smink.ivy@gmail.com)

### **WSSC/Rocky Gorge trail**

(Supplee Lane in PG to Tucker Lane in Montgomery County).  
Barbara Sollner-Webb  
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### **West Friendship Park and the North Tract of Patuxent Wildlife Refuge Research Center near Ft Meade**

Kathy Coviello, 732-768-3302.

### **Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD**

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

If you would like to volunteer to show other TROT members your favorite trails contact: Nancy Osgood at [nlosgood@verizon.net](mailto:nlosgood@verizon.net)

# Adopt a Trail

## TROT is piloting an adopt a trail program!

The idea of the program is to have horseback riders trim and report down trees, muddy areas, etc., on the trails that are utilized by them on a regular basis. Please maintain a very simple work log so we can coordinate time spent by our members. TROT is very interested in tracking time spent on trail work. These hours translate into dollars for the parks and shared land use trail areas. It will also give equestrians a voice at public forums in which we have a vested interest. TROT can then organize the removal of down trees, trail re-routes and chain sawing by going through land management supervisors to obtain authorization.

We are trying to avoid unauthorized reroutes and riders from simply going around down trees. We can take responsibility for our trails.

We have to realize that most trails are multi use and we need to collaborate with our fellow users.

This program can be provided throughout the entire TROT member area. In the past Montgomery, Howard, and Frederick were areas concentrated on most just because of where I lived and the time I had to devote to my mission. I have had to step down due to family responsibilities but I am still driven to see horseback riders step up and do their part to build and maintain sustainable trails.

Call Amy Kimble (TROT's past Trail Work Coordinator) at 301-748-8310 or email [AmyKimble@aol.com](mailto:AmyKimble@aol.com) with any questions.

Please consider volunteering by filling out the form below:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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TRAIL SYSTEM OR AREA YOU RIDE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFO.:

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CELL/PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form to: Amy Kimble 9622 Woodsoboro Road, Frederick, MD 21701



## CLASSIFIED ADS

To place an ad email: [marcia.lyons7@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.lyons7@gmail.com)

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## VACANT COUNTY COORDINATORS

TROT is looking for volunteers to serve as County Coordinator/Contact for Calvert, Howard and Prince George's Counties. If you live and/or ride in one of those counties, please step up!

## CORRECTION

In the November, 2013 TROT Newsletter, the article "Practicing Good Trail Stewardship" (page 5-6) was written by Kathy Coviello but inadvertently attributed to the person who wrote the previous article. We apologize for any confusion."





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**MARYLAND HUNTING BILLS BEING CONSIDERED IN ANNAPOLIS** - Each year the Maryland Senate and General Assembly consider a large host of hunting bills

**TROT TRAIL RIDES** - A huge thank you to all the people who have lead trails for TROT or attended the rides! With your help and dedication, we've had many years filled with a wide variety of trail rides.