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Judged Pleasure Ride
Saturday June 7 2008

TROT's Judged Pleasure Ride date is coming up fast. Get your trail riding friends out on the trail with you and practice, practice, practice. We need lots of entries but also need volunteers to help with this fundraising event. There are jobs for judges, parking directors, entry takers and general helpers.

Registration form on page 5 or on TROT website <http://www.trot-md.org/>

Contact Marilynn Miller at (301) 898-7274 or marilynnmiller@comcast.net to volunteer. Thank you!

TROT Rides

Montgomery Co. Agricultural History Farm Park, Saturday April 5, 2008

Deneen Martin

How could the weatherperson be so wrong? The TROT ride on Saturday, April 5, 2008, at the Montgomery County Historical Ag Farm Park was the picture perfect day for a great ride. Because of the weather predictions some people came late (one rider called and was still in her pajamas) but made it in time for lunch and a later ride.

Michelle Beachley led a walking ride with Terry Ledley, Susan Hunt, Dave & Donna Taylor and Kate Wellington. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful sunshine and magnificent scenery.

Deneen Martin's group included Chris Ferland, Denis & Barbara Sollner-Webb and Linda & Anna Galinaitis. What fun to trot and canter



the lovely fields and woods, then enjoy water stops along the way.

We joined up at the trailer parking lot (2 stragglers were still out looking for us), but they found the food. A nice pot-luck lunch in the sunshine with and lots of horsey conversation was the perfect day for all. Four late comers, Mike Gafney, Kyle Jossi, Nancy Osgood and Laury Lobel mounted up for more riding, while we relaxed and tried not to nap.



Kate Wellington with Lexy

Thank you everyone for coming and participating and making new TROT friends.

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President's message

Members voiced their opinion about TROT priorities on the survey distributed at our very successful annual dinner this past February. Based on the survey results, the two highest priorities are 1) trail preservation through contacts with local jurisdictions, and 2) trail maintenance projects. The survey was discussed at the board meeting following the annual dinner, and plans were made to continue these important efforts.

Priscilla Huffman and Kyle Jossi attended the ICC informational meeting hosted by Maryland-National Capitol Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) on March 19 to learn about the proposed bike trails at various sections of the ICC corridor. TROT's interest is in learning how existing trails will be affected by the roadway. The ICC will cross directly through the Paint Branch Park in lower Montgomery County. Ironically, development in this park area was the reason that TROT was originally formed. The roadway will be elevated to permit wildlife and horses to travel underneath. A similar community meeting was held on April 2 and Ron MacNab (TROT Montgomery County coordinator), Janet MacNab and Susan Gray attended that meeting. [See Ron's report in the Montgomery County report in this newsletter.]

Tomi Finkle (TROT Charles County coordinator) and Pat Oliva (TROT Howard County coordinator) attended a meeting in January sponsored by Charles County regarding a proposed Rails to Trails project. At this stage of the planning, horses will only be permitted after "Phase Two" of the project has been completed, which is at least a year or two away, but has no planned funding. Tomi will continue to monitor this trails project and attend any scheduled meetings.

If you know of any public meetings that are coming up, please post them on the TROT Yahoo site or contact your county coordinator so that we can ensure TROT representation. If you haven't signed up for the TROT Yahoo site, there is an easy link from the TROT home page at www.trot-md.org.

Regarding our second priority, trail maintenance, many members have reported individual efforts in keeping their regular trails clipped and open. However, to effectively organize larger trail maintenance projects, and link with other groups' events, we need a dedicated TRAIL MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR. We have a substantive list of members who have volunteered to help clear trails, but we need a leader. If you would like more information on filling this important role, please contact Priscilla Huffman at 301-646-4422 for details.

Priscilla Huffman
President

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Paint Branch, Saturday April 19th, 2008

Mary Prowell

The ride day turned out quite warm-upper 70's to low 80's. 10 people turned out for what was probably the last TROT ride through the Paint Branch if the ICC is actually built. The group consisted of Mary Prowell (leader), Priscilla Huffman, Laury Lobel, Barbara Sollner-Webb, Denis Webb, Rob MacNab and a friend of his, Vera, Annalisa Givens, and Elizabeth with Ruth, a new member. The pace was moderate with some trotting since the day was quite warm. The ride was very pleasant through the Paint Branch and then under Fairland road and a walk down the bike path to the Valley Mill parking area on Randolph road. We reversed back down through the park and around more trails to return to the trailers with a nice canter stretch at the end on a loop around what we Paint Branch riders call the Fox Hills. After the ride we sat in the shade and drank sodas and ate chips provided by the ride leader and Barbara and any lunch we brought on our own. Two other TROT members showed up-Libby Ballenger and Theresa Bly-who had arrived late but went out and ambled around on the trails on their own. They joined us and everyone had a good time talking about trails to ride on and how things were in the past on the trails. It was a good ride with nice people and well behaved horses.

County Updates

Currently there are no named contacts or coordinators for **Anne Arundel** and **Baltimore** Counties. If you have an interest to act in this capacity, please contact Priscilla Huffman, Trot President.

Howard County

Pat Oliva

I got several calls about a trail going from Long Corner to the Patuxent Park. I went to the zoning office to check the plats and to the filing office to check the specs. Where the trail is was a 25 foot right of way in 1942 that gave access to a plot. In 1954 it was changed to 30 feet. Then the park bought the land and dropped the right of way in 1984. The park has bought up many of the back lots that border the stream behind Long Corner but they did not provide any access to the park. The Patuxent crosses under Long Corner and there is access there but it is necessary to travel down the road. If you can make it to Windsor Forest Road the park

owes the land just before the 90 degree right turn. There is a long (over 100 yards) road frontage. If you are able you can try to get individual permission from landowners.

I did not get the appointment to the Park and Rec board. I have also been told that convicts and kids in detention will be used to make the trails. The county will get money from the state by using them. The Dept of Natural Resources will be putting them to work in the state parks. I would have loved to use all the members who offered to help. Just remember you are appreciated and I need input from you all.

Montgomery County

Ron MacNab

ICC Bike Path

On April 2nd MNCPPC held a public hearing revealing the state's suggested bike path along the ICC route and opening the floor for comments and suggestions. Janet MacNab, Susan Gray and I attended to see if it was feasible for an equine path. It was not. The suggested bike path did not follow the ICC but rather took bikers through residential streets and along Randolph Rd. No funds were offered to accommodate changes to existing roads. As you may imagine, the bicyclists were more than mildly disappointed.

It was explained that the additional 6' to 10' of space for an adjacent bike path would cause additional harm to the habitat of the parks. Attendees had difficulty accepting that the additional width of a bike bath would be the environmental tipping point in the construction of a six lane highway.

MNCPPC staff will review the community input and come back with their recommendation to the Commissioners.

St Mary's County

LeRoy Mattingly

Greenwell State Park

Hi All, my name is LeRoy Mattingly and a new member of TROT. I am from St. Mary's County, in Southern Maryland, and have lived here all of my life. I am an avid equestrian, foxhunter, trail rider, and am a new member of the Maryland Volunteer Ranger program. I wanted to introduce you to a State park that is located in Southern Maryland, which many of you probably have not heard of, since it is way off the beaten path. And you will definitely need to make a special trip to see this park, which is located on the Patuxent River.

In 1966, John Philip Greenwell, Jr. began long-term plans for his 178.6 acre Southern Maryland estate. He conceived the idea of donating his magnificent farm to the State of Maryland to be used as a public park accessible to all who wanted to enjoy its beauty. His vision was realized on April 8, 1971, when then Governor Marvin Mandel officially announced the State's acceptance of Mr. Greenwell's grand

generosity. The Greenwells' made the gift with the understanding that their beloved estate would be preserved in a way that would ensure its legacy as a place of freedom, beauty and accessibility for all visitors.

Greenwell is a 596-acre State Park located on the Patuxent River in St. Mary's county, Maryland. In 1971, John Phillip Greenwell, Jr. and his sister, Mary Wallace Greenwell, donated their 166.6 acre farm to the State of Maryland for use as a public park for everyone. The state subsequently purchased the adjacent 430-acre Bond property and joined the two to form the existing park

The Land and Its History

Part of the original Resurrection Manor, the 598 acres of land that now makes up Greenwell State Park is a standing

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TROT LAUNCHES MAPPING PROJECT

Ron MacNab

Trail Riders of Today (TROT) has launched the second phase of its mapping project to document the location of existing park and public use trails and to have these available on their web site. The project is being spearheaded by TROT's new Montgomery County Coordinator, Ron MacNab. Using one of three new GPS units which TROT has purchased for this project, the trail data is overlaid on aerial and topographical maps.

These maps will enable riders new to the area to be aware of the parameters of the trail system, note near-by roads or other structures, and get a sense of the orientation of the trails. The major trail routes are documented, and the goal is to create written information about each trail with details on where to park, available services (water, etc.)

The first phase of the mapping project was started a few years ago, with funds donated by two TROT members who

saw the need for better trail maps to be made available. With the help of Tim McGrath and the topography department of UMBC, maps were created for some trails in Montgomery County. These were then overlaid, through the help of the Maryland-National Capitol Park and Planning Commission, over tax maps and topographical maps, creating a clear indication of where trail easements might be appropriate in planning housing developments.

Plans are for the mapping project to continue in other counties, many of which have designated TROT coordinators familiar with the trails in their particular county.

If you have an interest in helping with this project, please contact your local TROT county coordinator for more information. A list of county coordinators can be found on the TROT web site at www.trot-md.org.

Update: TROT Mapping Project

Ron MacNab

TROT is in the ongoing process of mapping the parks and trails in central Maryland and making them available on our Web site. Members will be able to see the maps in aerial and topographical view as well as download the track to their personal GPS or view the trails in Google Earth.

To-date, five parks have been completed as well as sections of greenway. The maps across public property will become

available to members on the TROT web site within the next few months.

A component of this project is to identify and map legally documented equine easements that have been obtained across private property and subdivisions. If you are aware of such an easement, please contact me at 301-622-4157 or rmacnab@comcast.net.

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reminder of the agricultural legacy of St. Mary's County.

Starting in 1650 and until the land was turned over to the State of Maryland in 1971, the land was used primarily for farming. Cash crops such as tobacco and grains were most likely grown exclusively, yet as a working farm a certain amount of livestock was raised and sold, and oysters, crabs and fish were harvested from the bordering river.

It is likely that the main house was served by such domestic dependencies as meat curing and storage buildings, a dairy or cooler, and assorted smaller storage buildings. There were probably other farm-use buildings such as a grainery, corncrib, tobacco curing barns, buildings for sheltering livestock, and a smoking house for curing fish. However, no evidence has survived to substantiate that.

One of the three tobacco barns located on the Bond Farm portion of the property is thought to be the oldest standing hewn log tobacco barn in St. Mary's County. It along with all tobacco barns located in Southern Maryland have been recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of the "11 Most Endangered"

There is abundant trailer parking, and all of the trails are well marked and of good natural surface. While you are there you can even give kayaking a try, or bring your fishing pole for the kids and your guests and do a little fishing. Also, there is runway for the radio controlled model airplanes, so you can watch or bring your own. Go to the DNR website and look for Greenwell State Park, and I hope to see you there !





TROT Judged Pleasure Ride

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Date: June 7, 2008
The Time: Registration opens at 10:00 AM,
Closes at noon
The Place: Agricultural History Farm Park
18400 Muncaster Rd
Derwood, MD 20855
The Fee: \$27 per horse / rider **Post entry \$32**
The Rules: Hard Hats required .. and ..
Current negative Coggins test required

What is a “Judged” Pleasure Ride?

TROT’s Judged Pleasure Ride is approximately 10 miles. Each rider may proceed at his / her own pace;

there is no time limit. The trail is well flagged with surveyor’s tape, and safety riders with radios patrol the course until all riders have returned.

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

How the rider and horse negotiate the obstacle is judged. In the past, obstacles have included a wooden bridge to walk across, a bag of trash to throw in a trash can, and a lawn ornament cow standing beside the trail.

Each judge has been instructed on some general points to look for, as well as particular actions either good or bad specific to that obstacle.

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

The Prizes: Oldest horse, Oldest rider, and Youngest rider; Champion and Reserve Champion according to highest scores, 1st – 6th place ribbons for each class (see Entry Form for Class List). Also, this will be the 7th year for the Irving Abb Memorial Trophy to the Ride’s Champion.

Bring: Water for you and your horse and a picnic lunch.

Questions? Call Ride Manager Marilyn Miller.

Wet trails? Call for cancellation information
Phone 301-898-7274

Directions to Agriculture History Farm Park

From Frederick I-70 towards Baltimore, take exit 68 MD27 to Damascus (6.3 miles), turn left on Main St. which turns into SR108. Follow SR108 for 10.1 miles, turn right on Muncaster Rd to park entrance on right (2.2 miles).

From Baltimore I-70 towards Frederick, take South SR97 11.4 miles, turn right on Brookeville Rd for 2.8 miles, bear right on SR108 for 0.2 miles, turn left on Muncaster Rd to park entrance on right (2.2 miles).

From I-270 take east Shady Grove Rd 3.6 miles, turn right on Muncaster Mill Rd for 0.3 miles, turn left on Muncaster Rd to park entrance on left (1.3 miles).

Looking forward to seeing you there!



TROT Judged Pleasure Ride

Please send:

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

Copy of each horse's **negative Coggins test**

to: Marilynn Miller
9327 A Gravel Hill Road
Woodsboro, MD 21798

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Email _____

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 18)
2. Novice (adults who have never placed in a Judged Pleasure Ride)
3. Open (adults)

Horse class on reverse page (**circle one**)

For the Horse, **Circle One**

- A. Quarter Horses
- B. Arabians and Half Arabians
- C. Thoroughbreds, Appaloosas & other Registered Horses
- D. Ponies of all breeds
- E. Gaited Breeds (Tennessee Walker, Missouri Fox, Trotter, Rocky Mountain, Paso, Saddlebreds)
- F. Grade (no particular breed)
- G. Novice (Horse has never placed in a Judged Pleasure Ride)

I understand that horseback riding is inherently a dangerous sport, and I agree by my signature that I will not hold Trial 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 _____

TROTSAR Mounted Team

T'mi Finkle, Team Commander

On March 15th the TROTSAR Mounted Team presented at the Delaware Horse Expo in Harrington Delaware. The Chesapeake Plantation Walking Horse Club invited our Mounted Search & Rescue (MSAR) Team and Chesapeake Search Dogs to share a booth with them. Our combined



mounted/K-9 presentation conducted in the Quillen Arena is believed to be the first time that a MSAR team and a K-9 SAR team displayed together at any Horse Expo. We had several dozen people stop by and ask questions about SAR, we had to make it clear that we do not rescue animals, but rescue people who are lost. Tomi` Finkle (Trot-2) riding Magnum and Jacquie Cowan (Trot-13) riding Gatsby served as equine practitioners for this event. Linda Davis (Trot-102), served as our team photographer.

On March 18th at the request of Maryland State Police, Larry Raskin (Trot-10) and Steve Pelham (Trot-22) responded to the 4300 black of Middleberg Road in Carroll County MD for a missing 86 year male.



The subject was found alive around 1:30am on March 19th, with temperatures dipping into the 30's with moderate rain falling. A job well done by all search teams that responded.

Several TROTSAR Mounted Team members deployed on nu-

merous days to Shenandoah National Park for the search of Jose Martins.

The body of Mr. Martins was located on the morning of April 8th in the Keyser Run area of the park, marking the end of an

eleven-day search. The cause of death is under investigation. Deployed to this incident at the request of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management were: John Proudman (Trot-17), Zoe Sollenberger (Trot-18), Rick Solomon Trot-19, and Vicky Brown (Trot-26)

Congratulations go out to Steve Pelham (Trot-22) and Laurie Hanahan (Trot-28) for passing the nationally recognized NASAR SAR Tech-II test. Both team members have met the requirements of an operational member and will be issued VHF radios and team vests and will be pinned with a team patch at the next training event they attend.

Congratulations also go out to John TROT-17 and Zoe TROT-18 for passing the Wilderness First Responder Course. This

course is one step below EMT and is recognized throughout the Country. Prior to earning the WFR certificates John and Zoe held advanced wilderness first aid certifications.



Judged Pleasure Ride at the Agricultural History Farm Park

Park Conditions of use

- You must abide by the park rules and regulations.
- No vending or fee collection onsite.
- Signs may be posted 24 hours prior to the event and removed upon conclusion of the event.
- No marking of the trails is permitted with paint; only ribbons / flagging is permitted and must be removed from the property upon conclusion of the event.
- Riders are to be paired rather than bunched and allow other users of the trail system to pass freely.
- All challenge stations are to be arranged so as not to block the trail and removed immediately upon conclusion of the event.
- No amplified music is allowed in the park.

U.S. Senate Legislation of Interest

Pat Oliva

There is a new Senate Bill (S. 2283) that has been introduced that should be of interest to TROT members regarding equestrian access on public lands. This is a bill to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public land administered by the National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service on which there is a historical tradition of the use of pack and saddle stock animals. This bill is currently being considered in the Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee. Interested members should contact their Senators to indicate their support of this bill. It only takes a minute to send a message to your Maryland Senators (cardin.senate.gov/contact/ and mikulski.senate.gov/Contact/contact.cfm).

Trail Maintenance Is Everyone's Responsibility

Ron MacNab

Those of us in Montgomery County and central Maryland are extremely fortunate to have so many public trails to ride. The State of Maryland and MNCPPC have been visionary and proactive in creating expanses of trails and greenways. Horseback riders, bikers and walkers share these trails and bear the responsibility of maintaining them. Trails are primarily maintained by the users. Governments do not have the funds or personnel to keep the trails in top shape. Riders should carry clippers and a folding saw to trim branches that block the path and report major obstacles to park officials. If a trail requires a lot of work, let everyone who uses the trail know that you would like to organize a trail maintenance day. Contact your TROT county coordinator and send out an announcement on MarylandTrailRiders@yahoo.com and

TROT-Members@yahoo.com.

Fortunately each trail location has a different feel and features. Do not expect to find wide, clearly marked bridle paths wherever you ride. Many of us like the little narrow paths that meander through the woods and streams and would not want that to change.

Occasionally you may run across a trail that you don't like. There may be too many people, bicycles, rocky footing, logs to step over, narrow passages between trees and creek crossings with steep banks. If you don't like a trail, turn your horse around and leave. But please remember as you ride off, that although the trail was not to your liking, it is being enjoyed by many others.

TROT Treasurer's Report April 2008

Deneen Martin

Accounts:

Checking- \$2,059.20
Regular Savings \$20,193.33
Cert. of Deposit \$6,863.46

Expenses:

Verizon bill \$22.45
GPS systems purchased \$586.11
2 software packages & postage \$251.95
Morgan Run- Port-a-Pot \$123.90
Stamps & postage etc. \$704.28
Reimburse Pat Oliva for gift- \$22.53



Favorite riding buddies! Barbara Sollner-Webb and Terry Ledley—looking good!
Agricultural History Farm Park, Saturday
April 5, 2008

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: Nmanders@aol.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!

Naomi Manders e-mail: Nmanders@aol.com

Montgomery Agricultural Farm Park and Annapolis Rock

Deneen Martin 301-253-2955

Patuxent State Park, Rachel Carson and Rock Creek Park

Laury Lobel

laurylobel@verizon.net or 301-774-9595

Patapsco State Park off Marriotsville Road

Elizabeth Baran

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

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

Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD

Karen Kraushaar

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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

TROT Membership Report (5 May 2008)

Jeanne Bond

Thank you for supporting TROT! Your membership is so important to our mission of preserving bridle trails! We are growing in numbers and strength—so we are grateful to each and every one of you. Please spread the word about TROT—our new goal is to reach 1000 members!

Distribution of 2008 Membership			2008 Members	
State	County	Total	Since	Total
NC	Madison	2	1985	1
NC Total		2	1986	4
PA	Adams	6	1987	1
	Frankur	1	1988	4
	Northampton	1	1989	4
	York	2	1990	8
PA Total		10	1991	7
VA	Alexandria City	1	1992	4
	Fairfax	3	1993	6
	Fauquier	1	1994	2
	Loudoun	4	1995	2
	Spotsylvania	3	1996	1
	Stafford	1	1997	4
	Unknown	2	1998	25
VA Total		15	1999	1
WV	Berkeley	2	2000	14
	Jefferson	4	2001	16
WV Total		6	2002	39
Grand Total		651	2003	139
			2004	30
			2005	78
			2006	94
			2007	63
			2008	92
			Lifetime	10
				<u>2</u>
Grand Total		651		

CLASSIFIED ADS

To place an ad
email: nlogood@verizon.net

TROT Members: Regular (100 word) ad FREE!

Non-member rates:

- Classified ads - \$6.00 for first 100 words
\$0.10 for each additional word
- Business Card - \$6.00
- 1/4 page ad - \$25
- 1/2 page ad - \$40
- full page ad - \$75
- Insert (all copies delivered to our printer) - \$50

WANTED: 15.2h+ gelding, under 13-years for a trail horse/fieldhunter over small fences. Ideal: Morgan/Arab type horse. MUST be sound/good feet. Green ok but under saddle to be ridden this spring/summer. Needs to be a seriously not expensive. Yes, I've looked at rescue. Or would like to lease a horse that is sound and about that size until I find what I want. I am at Paternal Gift, go to <http://www.acuityglobal.com/pgf/> to see it. The barn is barn #2 in the pictures. Joan 301-559-3345 leave message

SPECIAL: for TROT members. **Great gift idea!** **SAVE OVER \$10 on book purchases!** Price include shipping!

PA HORSE TRAIL & HORSE CAMPING GUIDE BOOKS by Carolyn B. Cook

- Ride Pennsylvania Horse Trails-Part I, the Eastern Half of PA (central PA to eastern PA): \$15 per book
- Ride Pennsylvania Horse Trails-Part II, the Western Half of PA (central PA to western PA): \$15 per book

Specify Part I, or Part II, or set (\$30), and send check to: Hit The Trail Publications, LLC, P.O. Box 970, Cherryville, PA 18035.

FMI: see: www.patrail.com (Special not available via website.)



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Poolesville, MD (www.potomacriversidestables.com)

(301) 972-8187

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FREE TO GOOD HOME - 25yo. palamino TWH gelding. Great pasture buddy and may be able to do light trail riding. Perfect for leading kids around the pasture. I sold Harley last summer but he sustained a stifle injury and the vet isn't sure if he'll ever be able to do more than very light trail riding. His current owner can't keep him. Harley has perfect manners and is an easy keeper. 301-570-3860

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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 be TROT members; membership forms will be available at the ride for non-members. Negative coggins must be provided for each horse. Participants are asked to bring their own plates, silverware and drinks to potlucks unless otherwise indicated. Please check the web site for updates: www.trot-md.org/calendar.php. For any additional questions about TROT rides, please contact Pat Talbott @ (301) 628-4130 or Ptalbott@insuranceservices.com.

Saturday May 24

C & O Canal and surrounding park area led by Anna Slaysman. This trail ride is a favorite TROT tradition and has something for everyone! 3 ride leaders so you can choose your own pace. Riders will meet at Anna's farm in Dickerson, MD. A potluck is planned for after the ride. Contact Anna Slaysman at 301 972 8187.

Saturday June 7

TROT Judged Trail Ride. RAINDATE Sunday June 8th. Marilyn Miller, Ride manager. Open to public. See entry form page 5 of this newsletter.

Saturday June 14

Callithea Farm Canal Loop. 2 hours. Mostly walking. Horses must be ok with bikes, stroller's bridges and kayaks. The canal is busy on the weekends. A potluck is planned for after the ride. Contact Naomi Manders 301 279 7994.

Saturday June 21

Woodstock Equestrian Park, Beallsville, MD. RAIN DATE Sunday June 22 . This ride is paced for **gaited horses**, so there will be **no cantering**. Nongaited horses that have manners and control and are okay with a fast walk or slow jog trot pace are also welcome. A two-hour ride; box lunches and drinks will be provided at the end of the ride for \$10, ordered in advance. (Choice of chicken, beef or veggie) [Email Karen Kraushaar](mailto:Karen.Kraushaar@gmail.com) or call her at 301 467 6433.

Saturday July 12

Catoctin Mountain Park. - Mostly walking. Steep, rocky trail, shoes recommended. Potluck planned for after the ride. Contact Marilyn Miller 301 898-7274.

Saturday July 26

TBA

Saturday August 9

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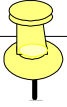
Saturday August 23

Piney Run - Carroll County -This will be a mostly walk and trot ride but there might be some cantering. Pot luck – to be determined. Contact Melinda Bennett 410 875 0481.

Monday September 1

Little Bennett - It's hard to think about the end of summer already, but we've got exciting plans for Labor Day! We are hoping to have several different groups to allow for varied riding speeds. Maureen and Jim Henry & Marilyn Miller will host a Breakfast ride. We really want to make this Labor Day ride a cherished TROT tradition! Please contact Maureen at 301 371-4828 to sign up for the ride.

Please check the web site for updates: www.trot-md.org/calendar.php. I am working on rides for the rest of the year. I am hoping to schedule 2 rides a month. I need more members to volunteer to be ride leaders. 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.



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- from the Newsletter Staff

Our favorite TROT event is coming up! The Judged Pleasure Ride is a lot of fun for everyone – whether you are a first-time rider, an experienced participant, a volunteer (we love you!), or just a spectator! Plus, this is really great training and exposure for horses – whether your horse is a first-timer or if he is an old pro! We are again very lucky to have the beautiful Agricultural History Farm Park as our venue – the trails are beautiful and beautifully maintained, and really showcase Montgomery County's exceptional park system.

If you want to see photos of what the TROT JPR is all about, just go directly to <http://qhdal.smugmug.com/TROT>. One of our members, Linda Davis, is also a fabulous photographer. She took beautiful photos of last year's event, and has them posted on her website. Can't you just tell that everyone is having a great time!

So, read about the JPR inside this issue, and be sure to mail in your application forms ASAP! We wish everyone good luck!



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