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## TROT BEQUEST

Anna Norwood, of the Circle N Ranch in Burtonsville, has honored TROT with a bequest from her estate. We are deeply grateful to Anna, who passed away last year, for this remembrance. A life-long animal lover, Anna was a wonderful friend and supporter of many humane animal organizations. She was also one of the attendees at the original founding meeting of TROT, which took place at Judy Richardson's house.

There are probably numerous TROT members who rode their first horse at Circle N Ranch. Originally started in 1952 as a pony ride operation in the location which now houses the Prince George's Plaza near the district line, Anna and Frank Norwood had a strong desire to introduce young people to the thrill of horses and riding. Their next move was to New Hampshire Avenue, and finally to the current location on Briggs Chaney Road.

In 1972 the indoor arena was built - one of the first indoor arenas in the area - and the lesson program started in earnest. Focusing primarily on beginners and pleasure riders, over the years Circle N Ranch introduced hundreds of local children and adults to their first horse experience.

After the death of her husband, Anna continued to maintain the lesson program, as well as provide a retirement home for many older horses, which were able to live out their remaining years being loved and cared for. Unfortunately Circle N Ranch is now closed down but all horses, including a 36-year old Welsh pony, were placed in good homes.

Our sincere thanks again to Anna and many others who continue to support TROT and its mission of trail preservation.

*Terri Mulligan*

## Message from the President.....

The mild December we've experienced in this area has been unusual, but with all the mud, the warm weather may not have meant more riding for you. January and February are times that we usually look forward to Spring activities, and for TROT members, that means being sure we are scheduling trail clean ups. Early Spring, when it's often still too muddy to ride, is a good time to gather a few riding buddies, and go on foot to clear the lower part of your trails that you often don't reach from horseback.

We will also be publishing trail clearing dates in our newsletter and on our web site at [www.trot-md.org](http://www.trot-md.org). This is a perfect opportunity to network with other trail users in the hiking and biking community who are such an important voice, with ours, in the maintenance and preservation of our trail systems. We need to support these alliances, and continue to build relationships by working together on the trails.

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## Message from the President, Cont

If you have a trail area that needs special attention, and would like to invite others to join your efforts, set a date and time, and send it in to our newsletter editor, Pat Talbott at [tallyhotazz@aol.com](mailto:tallyhotazz@aol.com). She'll be sure that your request is entered in our calendar.

Thanks to all of the TROT members who worked hard over the past year on our many trail projects. We look forward to seeing even more members out there this year!

*Priscilla Huffman, President*

### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new TROT members:

Carol D. Rosen  
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### Howard County Update

Thanks to Gail Monahan excellent relationship with Director of Parks Gary Arthur we will be able to keep our trails in the new western regional park. He called her after the park advisory board recommended that the trails and parking for trailers be eliminated.

This was based on the fact that there is only 1 ½ miles of trails at this point and nobody would trailer in to ride.

Just some background- Gail and I attended the work session for the concept of this park in 1997. We were promised that the design included trails and parking for horses.

We met with him and were invited to the Advisory Board meeting to present our case for the horses. The major member against the trailer parking and the trails came from a horse owner who lives next to the park. We got the members to okay the plan.

I am trying to get on the parks advisory board. A small, loud minority of the group did not want me to join. I have submitted a formal request for admission to Parks Director Arthur. (At his request)

Again I showed them my lists of Howard County TROT members. The number of you out there is so important. It is the strength I have at any meeting I go to. Please get your renewal in and ask your friends and neighbors to join. It is by e-mail that I have been trying to let you know what is happening. It takes just minutes and there are no stamps, labeling etc. and it's free. So please include your e-mail address. If you have e-mail and have not received a group mailing let me know. I may have copied the address wrong. . For the smart people whose life style omits computers I will try to get an update in the Newsletter

Looking forward to meeting everyone at the February dinner.

*Pat Oliva*

**Please have articles in for the April newsletter by  
February 27th!**

Hello all!

Michelle Beachley here! We've swapped things up a bit on the board - I am now TROT's Membership Chairman. Kyle Jossi has graciously volunteered to coordinate rides for 2005. She is a fantastic person with a lot of energy. So please volunteer to support her by scheduling a ride in 2005!

Now a little note from me...

Please feel free to contact me at 301-482-2526 or TrotMembership@hotmail.com with address correction, email, renewals, new memberships, etc. I'm here for you.

As a TROT member, one of the benefits you receive is discounts at various area shops. Below is a list with contact information and discount amount. Please let the shops know how much you appreciate their support of our much needed organization.

### **10% off regular priced discountable merchandise at the following shops:**

<b>Shop</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Website</b>
Bits & Bridles Saddlery	Ellicott City	MD	(410) 750-7797	<a href="http://www.bitsandbridles.net">http://www.bitsandbridles.net</a>
Carroll County Tack	Finksburg	MD	(410) 833-2835	<a href="http://www.carrollcountytack.com/">http://www.carrollcountytack.com/</a>
Everything Equestrian Ltd	Damascus	MD	(301) 253-4600	<a href="http://www.eveques.com">http://www.eveques.com</a>
Out Back Tack	Easton	MD	(410) 820-5050	n/a
Stablesmates	Mt. Airy	MD	(301) 831-5777	<a href="http://www.stablematesinc.com">http://www.stablematesinc.com</a>
Woodland Tack Store	Silver Spring	MD	(301) 421-5954	<a href="http://www.anytimetack.com">http://www.anytimetack.com</a>
Maple Leaf Tack & Western Ware	Hagerstown	MD	(301) 733-7303	<a href="http://www.mapleleaftack.com">http://www.mapleleaftack.com</a>
The Surrey Inc	Potomac	MD	(301) 299-8225	<a href="mailto:thesurreyinc@aol.com">thesurreyinc@aol.com</a>

### **10% off saddle fitting**

<b>Shop</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Website</b>
Two Time Tack (Saddle Sales & Custom Fitting)	Hagerstown	MD	(301) 739-6615	n/a

### **10% off MSRP on most items not already discounted**

<b>Shop</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Website</b>
Maryland Tack	Sykesville	MD	(410) 781-7479	n/a

## **TROT MEMBERS – YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

Because Michelle Beachley is taking over as Membership Chairperson, I will step in as Trail Ride Coordinator. Many thanks to Michelle for the wonderful job she did as Trail Ride Coordinator last year!

Although the winter weather keeps many of us close to home, it's time to start planning the 2005 trail ride schedule. Please consider leading a ride on your favorite trails. I will provide you with all the information you need to be a successful ride leader. You have the opportunity to custom design

your ride – you choose the speed, duration, and other fun details such as a group picnic, etc. It's also a great opportunity to meet other riders who share your passion for trail riding and show off your favorite trails. If you think you might like to lead a ride, please give me a call at 301-570-3860 or I can be reached by email at [jossik@holycrosshealth.org](mailto:jossik@holycrosshealth.org).

Ride leaders are especially needed for the following areas:  
Agricultural history park – Montgomery

## Search Team's New Vests

By Suzanne Anderson

The TROT Search and Rescue Team has a signature look known to all other search teams in the state of Maryland: our blaze orange bib safety vests with TROT logo on the front and SEARCH TEAM across the back. We've had these vests since 1992, and they have served us well.

But we needed *pockets!* Thanks to a grant of money from the Maryland Horse Industry Board, the Team has purchased new vests for every team member. These vests, purchased from Safety Gear Online ([www.safetygearonline.com](http://www.safetygearonline.com)) have lots of pockets. Two breast pockets, two hand pockets with Velcro flap closures, and two inside pockets. The upper half of the vest is mesh, and a zipper closes the front. To complement the blazing orange of the material, stripes of



neon green/yellow with an accent strip of reflective material cross the shoulders and wrap the waist. The silk-screening was courtesy of Special Tees, Inc. of Rockville.

These vests (the old and now the new) have constituted the single most recognizable item of our uniform for 13 years. Even from the air, our team members can be identified easily. They unify the team as a single entity, as well as providing high visibility so important for an individual's safety.

Thank you to the Maryland Horse Industry Board for the funds, and to Special Tees, Inc. for the artwork.

So look out! The Search Team's future is so bright, we've gotta wear sunglasses!




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### Visit us at Booth #237 Pennsylvania Horse World Expo at Harrisburg 2/25-27.

Don't miss our "Riding the Wild, Wild West of Pennsylvania" Clinic Sat. 2/26 6pm in Seminar Hall A

#### **Announcing:** Ride Pennsylvania Horse Trails Part II, The *Western* Half of Pennsylvania

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

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**FMI or to order by credit card; see our website:** [www.patrail.com](http://www.patrail.com)

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### Our First Trail Ride In 2005

Lisa Troutman has agreed to lead a TROT ride in Little Bennett on Sunday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions call Lisa at 301-253-9243.

## Help Needed, Cont

County, Blue Mash to Rachael Carson  
 Rosaryville, Jug Bay  
 Spice Creek  
 Great Falls, Virginia  
 Elk Neck State Forest  
 Catoctin Mountains, Frederick County  
 Rachael Carson Park, Montgomery County  
 Susquehanna  
 Black Hills, Montgomery County

C&O Canal, Frederick County  
 If you are familiar with the trails in any of these areas, please consider leading a ride.

In the past, we have been able to offer a wide variety of rides because our members stepped up to lead those rides. Please help to make 2005 a great trail riding year!

### CLASSIFIED ADS

Please send typed ads to Pat Talbott, TROT News, 8116 Jonnie Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20882, or e-mail to tallyhotazz@aol.com Ads rates: \$6.00 for 100 words, \$.10 per word for each additional word.

**Dressage Saddle 17.5 handmade Nice Dressage Saddle – barely used and in great condition. Padded knee rolls long billets (no girth marks) come with fittings including 1 24" & 1 28" dressage leather girth and fitted dressage pad. \$600.00 OBO**

This saddle was graciously donated by one of our members. All proceeds go towards our anniversary dinner. Call Pat Talbott work 301-628-4130

**HORSE FOR SALE AQHA 1996 BAY MARE #3481555 - MARQUETTAS ROSE**

Beautiful blood bay. 8-1/2 years old. 15 hh. Blood line out of Hall of Fame's - Three Bars, Poco Bueno and King. Used for trail riding; will go anywhere and do anything you ask (water, logs, rough terrain, highways, motorcycles). Ridden alone & in groups. Used for Team Penning 4 years ago, no spurs needed - forward mover. Sound and healthy with all vaccinations/worming/coggins and farrier records. We won 5th place at the TROT Judged Trail Ride and 5th as beginner at Howard County Fairground Western Pleasure Show. Easy keeper, loads, farriers love her. Needs more work with bending at pole and collection. Intermediate to advanced rider,,,,,\$3000 (negotiable). Norene Boswell 301-845-4712 (home) or 301-788-1294 (cell).

Email me, I will send you a photo of Rosenboswell@hns.com

**HORSE NEEDS A HOME** 6 year old registered Paint. A loving home is a must for this special. He gets along well in the field with other horses, and loves people. He can be turned out 24/7, and needs no supplements. Callahan has recovered from his bout with EPM in all ways but one. He has some residual vision deficits (some blind areas in both eyes) and therefore cannot be ridden. Cal compensates very well. You probably wouldn't know he has blindness issues unless you were told. He is a kind and loving guy, and would make a wonderful companion horse. Interests contact Anda at 301-221-6253.

**PARELLI NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC** with certified 3 Star Instructor Nita Jo Rush at Celebration Farm, Union Bridge, Maryland April 22-25, 2005 9:30am –5:30pm Advancing Level 1 April 22-23 Level 2 April 24-25. Clinic spots still available and auditors are always welcome. For more details contact clinic coordinator, Annette Pillon by e-mail annettepillon@hotmail.com or rienzisgirl@aol.com or by phone at 301 271 0698



# Annual Membership Application

\_\_\_\_\_ New Membership                      \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Renewal for Year 200\_\_\_\_\_

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Sig. Other \_\_\_\_\_ Other Family \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Ride In \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Alt Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Annual membership rates for January 1 – December 31:

- One year single or family membership                      \$20.00 per year
- Contributing member                                                      \$30.00 per year
- Sustaining member                                                      \$50.00 per year
- Additional contributions                                                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make **checks payable to Trail Riders of Today**, and send this form and your check to:

**Michelle Beachley, TROT Membership Chair**  
**26309 Howard Chapel Drive, Damascus, MD 20872**  
 Phone: 301-482-2526 Email: TrotMembership@hotmail.com

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.

## **VOLUNTEER**

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearings | <input type="checkbox"/> County Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Directory     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ride Leader          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raise      | <input type="checkbox"/> Booth/Shows        | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Mapping | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAR             | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Clearing     | <input type="checkbox"/> Website       | <input type="checkbox"/> Judged Pleasure Ride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings        | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography        |                                        |                                               |

## **DIRECTORY**

- Please check here if you do NOT want your contact information listed in our membership directory (default is as above).
- OR, if you wish to be listed, but only want partial information included please indicate what info. can be printed in the membership directory.

Name                       Full Address                       Home Phone                       Email

If neither box is checked, the information filled out at the top of the form will be printed in the directory.

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
& ANNUAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM  
HOWARD COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS  
DINING HALL**

**AWARDS  
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DOOR PRIZES  
FREE DINNER**

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TALLYHOTAZZ@AOL.COM**

**TRAIL RIDERS OF TODAY  
PAT TALBOTT  
8116 JONNIE LANE  
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20882**

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**COMING SOON ----- MUDDY BRANCH NATURAL SURFACE TRAIL !**

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission will be starting the construction of Section 1 of the Muddy Branch Trail located between Route. 28 (Darnestown Road) and the Potomac River. Section 1 will focus on the east and west sides of the Muddy Branch from the trailhead at Rte. 28 to Quince Orchard Road (near the Potomac Horse Center). When completed the Muddy Branch Trail will stretch from Darnestown Road to the Potomac River.

The trail will follow the alignment shown in the attached map of the Muddy Branch Trail Corridor Plan; this Plan was approved by the M-NCPPC Planning Board in 2002.

The trail will incorporate some of the old informal system as well as create some new trail. A bridge across the stream will be installed to link the east and west side of the Park. The trails on the west side of the stream will be open to all non-motorized users; trail on the east side from the bridge location to the Potomac Horse Center will be for hiking and equestrian use only. No paved trail is planned at this time.

MNCPPC will be looking for volunteers in the spring to start the construction process so stand by for more information.

**Volunteer Work Days Schedule: March 12 April 23 May 14**

This trail will provide recreational opportunities for residents of Potomac, Rockville, and Gaithersburg as well as visitors from our other parks. Please plan to join us for the construction effort. It will be a rewarding experience for all!

**To be included on the notification list for Muddy Branch Park please contact :**

Naomi.manders@mncppc-mc.org or 301-650-4395