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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank You, JPR committee & volunteers!

I want to Thank the JPR committee and volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication. Unfortunately we had to cancel the JPR due to a stalled weather system that eventually dumped more than 10 inches of rain on the Baltimore-Washington area before moving out of the area the following week.

Transporting you horse to another state?

Before you transport your horse out of the state you will need to obtain the proper health certificate, Veterinary Inspection or permit for the State that you are planning to go to. You can find the information that you need at [MDA](http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Animal-Movement.aspx).

Please call your home state Veterinarian's Office and urge them to join in accepting and developing a 6 month event permit and recognize other states permits. In the future there are going to be fines and impounded horses. We need to be proactive and take a few minutes to make this call. Take notes as to who you talk with and follow up with the same person.

<http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Animal-Movement.aspx>
MDA: 410-841-5861

TROT 2014 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Will begin in November 2013

You will be receiving your 2014 Renewal information packets in November either via email if we have your email address on record or via the USPS if we do not.

It is very helpful if you return your information and dues as soon as possible after receiving your packet to aide the volunteers who process the renewals.

Beginning in 2014, TROT will be sending announcements, information, updates, etc. via email to all who give permission. This will be limited to such activities as Membership Meetings, TROT Rides, Judge Pleasure Ride, Trail Clearing, Annual Dinner, changes to events, requests for volunteers. It will not take over your mailbox but it will provide you with the most current and timely information.

The TROT Website, Newsletter, MarylandTrailRiders and TROTMembers Yahoo Groups;, and TROT Trail Riders Of Today on Facebook will be available as well.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

2014 Maryland Horse World Expo TROT Booth

Club members are being asked if they would like to apply for working a few hours at the TROT Booth at this event. Running from 17-19 January 2014, this event is attended by thousands of equine enthusiasts. Volunteers get complimentary admission to the event, details of which can be found at the website: <http://www.horseworldexpo.com/MDmain.shtml>

Anyone interested should contact TROT Board of Director member, Kathy Coviello, at 732-768-3302 or via email baylady7@aol.com to volunteer.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TROT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2013

ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM

Amy Kimble reported on two trail maintenance days, September 29 and November 3, which have been scheduled for Catoctin Park in Frederick Co. A form to sign up for the Adopt-A-Trail program can be found in the newsletter and on the TROT web site.

JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE

Judy Thacher provided an update on the October 12 JPR. Ads have been run in The Equiry magazine, and flyers have been printed. Jeff Dwyer, farm manager, will perform a dressage demonstration at the event. Kyle Jossi is recruiting volunteers, Pat Talbott is getting ribbons and the Irving Abb memorial trophy. A map will be available at the ride.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AUGUST 21, 2013

Nancy Osgood, coordinator for the meeting, reported that about 30 members and guests attended the trails presentation held at the Damascus library. Presenters were Amy Kimble, Barbara Sollner-Webb and Maria Schwartz. Barbara and Maria went to a trail conference in PA, and Amy attended the National Trails Conference in July.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The membership directory is now available as a PDF file which can be downloaded and kept for easy reference on a computer desktop or file directory. 109 copies of the membership directory were mailed to members who requested a hard copy. Extras will be sent with the membership card to new members, and will also be available at the annual dinner.

LOGOWARE

The Say-It Graphics web site is up and running. The company will have a booth at the JPR with special ride T-shirts available. Since October is breast cancer awareness month, it was suggested that a "TROT for a cure" T shirt be available. A portion of the sale would be donated to a cancer organization.

COUNTY CHAPTERS

Pat Talbott and Priscilla summarized an idea for future planning of promoting meetings at the county level. Paperwork which Pat Merson discovered in old TROT files indicates the original concept of the organization was to form county chapters that would meet to discuss trail issues in their immediate county. Currently, the Baltimore County chapter is meeting every other month. Barbara also suggested that groups could be formed focused on a particular area or park, rather than a county.

RENEWAL MAILING THIS FALL

A renewal letter mailing to current members will be sent out mid-November.

WSSC TRAILS

WSSC trails parking is now available at Brown's Bridge Rd and Brogden Rd. These sections have been bush-hogged again.

THE AGRICULTURAL FARM PARK TRAILS

The Agricultural Farm Park trails near Millhaven farm are impassable. Laury Lobel, who is a park police volunteer, will mention to park management.

October 1, 2013 TROT board meeting

COUNTY REPORTS

Frederick County

A trail maintenance group of 10 TROT members, organized by Amy Kimble, met at Catoctin Park on September 29. They spent 4 ½ hours clearing the trail, and the trail is now pristine. Amy and Pat Merson encouraged members to ride the Catoctin trail, which is a federal trail. Amy provided snacks and water for all workers.

Montgomery County

Ron MacNab sent a report that Montgomery County is conducting a volunteer work day at Rachael Carson Park on October 26th. Volunteers are needed. If you ride these trails, please plan to attend. We need to show equestrian support for these frequently used trails.

Baltimore County

Priscilla Huffman reported that a meeting was held on September 24 at Camp Puh'Tok in Monkton with 22 attendees. The camp discussed the possibility of including a TROT trail maintenance activity in their summer program. They will also explore having a bomb-proofing workshop at the camp grounds. A database is being developed of local Baltimore County stables where trail riders might be boarding. On September 27, six county members participated in a trail clearing morning on the Bunker Hill trail in Gunpowder Falls State Park. In the past month, DNR has cleared two large trees from the trails as a result of calls from TROT.

Board Meeting Minutes Continued

JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE OCTOBER 12, 2013

- 11 obstacles, 5.5 mile course
- Route will cover open space, stream bed, change of gaits
- 26 registered as of October 1, including registrants from Dillsburg, PA and Hanover
- Ad ran in October Equiery – page 96
- Pat Talbott will give out the awards
- Need volunteers to help all 3 or 4 days before the ride
- Hayrides will be going on at the farm that weekend – farm volunteers will stop the hay wagon if a horse is nearby until the rider is past
- Will have a storage area available
- Linda Davis will be taking pictures
- Need everyone's cell phone number
- Parking – need 5 volunteers
- Have a health dept permit request
- Judy to check if we have a PA system available

TRAIL CLEARING

Next Catoctin Park trail clearing date is November 3.

HORSE WORLD EXPO – JANUARY 17, 18 AND 19, 2014

Kathy Coviello volunteered to chair the event; Pat Talbott will send her information on planning the event. Pat Oliva volunteered to set up TROT booth on Friday morning, and to take down the booth at the end of the event.

NEW HARFORD COUNTY CONTACT

A new member, Dianna O'Neil, has volunteered to be the contact for Harford County. Baltimore Co will continue to invite Harford Co members to the county-wide meetings.

TROT BUDGET

The 2014 budget will be drafted in December. A motion was passed that we explore contributing in 2014 to a Port-A-Potty at the Ag Farm Park trailer parking area.

ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE NEWSLETTER

A motion was passed that member ads need to be renewed for each newsletter. This wording will be added to the newsletters. Cut-off date for next issue will also be included with the ad prices for paid ads. (Free ads are a member benefit.)

TROT ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner is scheduled for March 1, 2014 at the Mt. Airy Fire Hall in Mt. Airy, MD. Extra directories will be available at the dinner.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A nominating committee needs to be organized for next year's elections. Will be discussed at the November board meeting.

Priscilla Huffman, Secretary

TROT'S 2103 JPR

Cancelled Due to Bad Weather

Trot's annual Judged Pleasure Ride (JPR) was cancelled late October 10th due to a stalled weather system that eventually dumped more than 10 inches of rain on the Baltimore-Washington area before moving out of the area the following week. The cancellation caught many by surprise and disappointed TROT's Board members and the JPR Committee who had worked closely with Jeff Dwyer, Manager of Maryland Sunrise Stables, for several months planning the course, designing obstacles and mapping the 6 mile route around Maryland Sunrise Farm. In fact, two days prior to the ride, committee members Priscilla Huffman, Kyle Jossi, Susan Gray and Judy Thacher sent out emails announcing that everything was ready for the ride - trails were flagged, obstacles ready to install and awards were ready to be given out.

As ride day approached, JPR committee members remained glued to the hourly weather reports for the area and when there appeared to be no relief in sight, the possibility of having to cancel the ride was raised. By then many of the registered riders were expressing concern about the storm and asking about cancellation, refunds and the condition of the trails. Additionally, volunteers who had offered to assist with setup the day before and with judging on the event were voicing concerns about the storm and the safety of the participating riders, the horses and the trails.

Late Thursday evening, with predictions for continued rain through the weekend, additional registered riders withdrawing from the competition and a dwindling number of volunteers willing to brave the storm, JPR Committee members conferenced with Jeff Dwyer and agreed that the ride should be cancelled. President Pat Talbott was then briefed on the current situation and concurred with the committee's recommendation. Word was immediately sent out to all the pre-registered riders, the Board, the volunteers and to Jeff Dwyer that the decision had been made to cancel the 2013 TROT JPR.

The Trot Board of Directors would like to thank the JPR Committee for all the hard work it did and acknowledges that the 2013 JPR might have been one of TROT's most successful rides, that is, until Mother Nature reminded everyone that she is in charge. The Committee would also like to thank all the vendors who showed their continued support by making many donations to TROT that would have been used as awards and door prizes for the JPR participants. The JPR Committee will be making a recommendation to the TROT Board Members that it consider scheduling its 2014 Judged Pleasure Ride at Maryland Sunrise Stables in the spring.

Trot JPR Continued

JPR Sponsors

The Trail Riders of Today (TROT) Board and its membership would like to thank and acknowledge the following donors who so graciously donated time, items and gift certificates to support TROT's 2013 annual Judged Pleasure Ride (JPR).

- Anytime Tack – Silver Spring, MD
- Bowman Feed and Pet – Westminster, MD
- Carroll County Tack – Westminster, MD
- Dover Saddlery - Gambrills, MD
- Dover Saddlery – Hunt Valley, MD
- Farmer's Cooperative Association, Inc. - Frederick, MD
- Gayer's Saddlery, Inc. – Upper Marlboro, MD
- The late Irving Abb, longtime TROT member
- Jeff Dwyer, Maryland Sunrise Stables - Gambrills, MD
- Kyle Jossi, in memory of Lady
- Maria Schwartz - TROT Board Member
- Memory Maker, Frederick, MD
- Say It Graphics – Damascus, MD
- Sew What Blanket Washing and Repair – Westminster, MD
- Southern States Farm and Home – Germantown, MD
- Talisman Home and Pet Sitters – Frederick, MD
- Tractor Supply - Mt. Airy, MD
- The Mill of Belair - Hampstead, MD
- The Turf Center, Inc. – Spencerville, MD

CALL FOR RIDE LEADERS

Volunteer to Lead a Trail Ride

Now is prime riding time. The horses are in better shape than in the spring, the bugs are beginning to taper off and the temps are falling.

Contact: Lisa Troutman. 301 928 5243 cat.home@verizon.net

UPCOMING WORK DAYS

Join Us

Sunday November 3rd. 9am-1pm Catoctin Mountain Park - please contact AmyHkimble@aol.com or call 301-748-8310 for details and so that we can coordinate with the park to have tools provided and Amy can bring water, snacks etc.

Sunday November 17th. 9am- 1PM Howard Chapel Road - Work on our Patuxent reroute near Rt. 97. Please contact AmyHkimble@aol.com or call 301-748-8310 for details and so we can be prepared.

CONGRATULATIONS

TROT Member(s) win at North American Police Equestrian Championships!

During the weekend of Oct. 11-13, members of HCPD's Volunteer Mounted Patrol travelled to Richmond, VA to compete in the 2013 North American Police Equestrian Championships. During the rain-soaked weekend, members participated in several different events and achieved the following results: Kate Leary, riding Habenero - Obstacle Course, 7th place, Novice Equitation, 5th place, Western Hack, 9th place; Linda Reed, riding Susie - Novice Equitation, 1st place, Obstacle Course, 9th place; Jackie Edens, riding Svort - Obstacle Course, 11th place; and Therese Rodrigue, riding Chance - Novice Equitation, 3rd place, Obstacle Course, 9th place. Our congratulations to them all!

ADOPT A TRAIL

Help Maintain Your Trails

Please sign up to help maintain your trails you use on a daily basis. I will come out and help you get started. Fall is right around the corner and a great time to take on a section of trail. 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.

Amy Kimble 301-748-8310 AmyHkimble@aol.com

TROT LOGO WEAR

New TROT Logo Wear Vendor Selected

The TROT Executive Board recently voted to provide you with a way to shop for your favorite TROT Logo Wear and other items such as mugs, saddle pads, even banners, in your pajamas! That's right – from the comfort of your home computer screen, at 2 in the morning, you can search for and select various items that you would like to emblazon with our club's logo. Say It! Graphics, located at 239 South Main St, Mt. Airy, MD 21771, is a full-service company providing screen printing and embroidery promotional products, as well as sign and vehicle lettering and custom decals. Chrissy Jongezoon, owner and operator, is ready to take your order. So, stop by the store, give Chrissy a call at 301-829-5959, or jump into your jammies and go to <http://www.sayitgraphics.com>. Email web@sayitgraphics.net for inquiries or to order.

Need it today?? Drive by and see existing TROT Logo Wear that Say It! Graphics is handling for TROT.

As an added bonus, TROT earns money every time you make a purchase!

WSSC TRAILS UPDATE

As you may remember from several TROT newsletters over the past 2 1/2 years, there was a two year long, major battle to retain the beautiful and negligibly eroded trails that for many decades WSSC has kindly let riders use, in their Rocky Gorge watershed. The strong voice of so many engaged TROT members, plus significant input from many helpful elected officials and WSSC's quarter million dollar study that basically agreed with all we said, together were instrumental in getting this trail re-opened and their other subsequently-proposed anti-equestrian dictums reversed. The two anti-horse leaders at WSSC both left, and their newly reorganized Watershed Maintenance Unit has been fantastic in re-opening the entire trail, including many sections that had become blocked over the years by fallen trees.

In the May TROT newsletter, we reported how promising all this seemed, and now we want to give an update, that things continue to work great, in almost all aspects. They are wonderfully keeping the trail open and clear, and is a magnificent ride that we encourage TROT members to go out and enjoy. The trail is also open for hiking, so you can bring your non-equestrian family members and friends too! [However, a trail pass is required -- see [WSSC's website](#) or call me for more information on this and on the few horse-friendly entrances, or to arrange a ride together.]

The primary remaining major glitch, as we reported in the May newsletter, is that WSSC intends to close all riding on their lands for 3 1/2 months in the winter, a legacy of their incorrectly claiming that the trails were terribly eroded by riders and incorrectly claiming that winter had the most rainfall, both of which have long been shown to be fallacious, and indeed the trails were deemed in excellent condition despite over 50 years of judicious year-round riding. At the October WSSC Commissioners' meeting, seven TROT members presented oral and written testimony, thanking them for all the great progress but requesting they reconsider their winter riding ban. The

Commissioners appeared sympathetic, but the General Manager noted it is his decision, and the issue was tabled until a future meeting. Any input you might be willing to provide, probably most effective through the excellent Commissioner Chair, Mr. Gene Counihan at gcounihan1@verizon.net will be most helpful and appreciated.

TRAIL STEWARDSHIP

Practicing Good Trail Stewardship- avoiding damaging trails when conditions are wet and/or stream crossings are eroded

Barbara Sollner-Webb

Part of the summer of 2013 in Maryland was very wet in terms of precipitation/rainfall while the other part had near drought conditions. During the wet portion of the season, many trail systems were at risk for damage if riders chose to use them while the soil was still very moist. This is particularly evident in areas through woods where the drainage may be poor due to soil type (clay vs. sand) or the evaporation of moisture in the soil is slowed by tree cover. Such wet conditions occur not only when we have a significant amount of precipitation over a period of time, but also during the fall, winter and spring months when the ground stays wet due to morning



dew conditions, fog and the freeze/thaw cycle of weather which inhibits evaporation of moisture from the soil. Bottom line is that wet trail conditions can occur at almost any time of the year so it is best to know the trail conditions before you venture out for a ride.

During times like this, it is optimum and responsible conduct for the equestrian community to refrain from riding on these trail systems. Like some other trail users, horses can very much "tear up" the ground, causing damage and erosion to the area. Some parks even have signage requesting trail users to refrain from using the trails the day after a rain. If users continue to ignore these requests and damage the venues, they incur risk for the entire equestrian community of having the trail system no longer accessible to some, if not all, users. Often one of the first groups to be restricted are equestrians. Such restrictions can be imposed not only by federal, state and local park managers, but also by private landowners (including corporations), the latter of which can be the most challenging to persuade to reinstate trail access. We have all heard of farmers who have, after decades of generous sharing with the equestrian community, rescinded the access to the land after a handful of rude, irresponsible or discourteous riders abused the privilege.

One group nationwide that works these issues is the Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR), website www.elcr.org. This non-profit organization provides advocacy and guidance for equestrian land usage, while also building awareness of the loss of lands for horse related activities. They seek to protect and preserve the lands, very much complimentary to the TROT organization's goal of preserving existing equestrian trails.

The ELCR website is a trove of knowledge that supports good trail stewardship to better ensure trail preservation and access. One article of note on their website discusses stream crossings ("Fording the Stream: Trail Crossings Matter," June 2013, <http://elcr.org/fording-the-stream-trail-crossings-matter/>). In summary, the article talks about the best way to cross a stream safely, how to avoid damaging the crossing and notes that riders who damage stream crossings risk causing restricted trail access for horses. The article also talks about trail management practices that can be used to minimize or completely alleviate any damage to the trails, providing a variety of engineering solutions.

Above is a photo of a solution installed by a licensed horse farm/boarding stable owner here in Maryland which allowed her riders to safely cross the stream at the bottom of the property's valley while allowing the stream to continue to flow and not damaging the fragile accompanying eco-system. The construct basically involved laying in stone, a pipe through which to route the water, geo-textile mesh to hold the soil, crushed stone and then top soil. It was allowed to establish seeded grass root system for several months before horses were able to safely trek across the "land bridge." This construction has held up for multiple years now and

Trail Stewardship Continued

allows trail riders to safely and responsibly cross the stream while maintaining the beauty of the stream and accompanying wetland.

So what if you have a stream or wetlands on your property or trail system- besides not riding across them, what options do you have? The ELCR is a handy website full of ideas, resources and references. The county soil conservation officer can assist you (more info at www.masked.net), to include helping you apply for any available soil conservation grants to offset any costs of better engineering your trail areas. Finally, the Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB, website: http://mda.maryland.gov/horse_board/Pages/horse_board.aspx) has an annual grants program under which clubs (such a TROT) can apply for funding to promote the Maryland Horse Industry via research, education, promotion and other related activities. While the grant cycle for 2014 MHIB monies is past, it is not too early to consider submitting a grant application for something related to trail stewardship for 2015.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome, New TROT Members

Dick Huffman

TROT New members June thru Mid August 2013

Welcome to our new members.

Joan Worrall, Baltimore County
Michelle Miller, Anne Arundel County
Linda Kelly, Harford County
Robert Miller, Baltimore county
Carolyn Clark, Montgomery County
Amanda Martin, Montgomery County
Sheeley Sheeler, Anne Arundel County
Dianna O'Neill, Harford County
Karen Ferris, Baltimore County
Emily Carter Mitchell, Anne Arundel County
Jennifer Schmidt, Anne Arundel county
Lou Kousouris, Baltimore County
Marcella Morgese, Washington County

TROT'S TOTAL FAMILY MEMBERS NOW NUMBER 500.

Are Your Riding Buddies and Stable Mates Trot Members?

Priscilla Huffman

You are the best recruiter for TROT! Please encourage your riding friends who may not be members to join us in our important mission of trail preservation. There is power in numbers! Membership forms are available on TROT's web site www.trot-md.org under the membership tab.

INVASIVE SPECIES

Why Do Horseback Riders Need to Know About Invasive Species?

Invasive species tend to grow rapidly and can make certain trails impassable within just a few weeks. Horses can get tangled in vines and pricked by spines. Most importantly, invasive plants crowd out native plants by taking over their habitat, consequently degrading the scenic beauty of our trails. It is much more exciting to ride in a beautiful landscape filled with native trees, shrubs and flowers!

Horseback riders can spread non-native plants by carrying seeds on their horses' fur, tack and clothing. Riders in the Montgomery County area, especially for those who trail ride in the Rachel Carson Conservation Park and at Wheaton Regional, should be mindful of a particular species of invasives called wavyleaf basketgrass (*Oplismenus hirtellus*). This species has recently been seen in those areas and is spreading quickly.



Picture by Vanessa Beauchamp/Towson University

Wavyleaf basketgrass is short grass, usually less than knee high. It spreads out as a dark green carpet on the forest floor, excluding most of our native plants. Although perennial, it is usually only visible between June and November, as the rest of the year it is dormant or very small. From late July to late October is the worrisome time. The sticky seeds of the plant are ripe and become attached to anything that wanders nearby (deer, people, dogs and horses).

For more information and pictures, please visit: http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Plants_Wildlife/WLBG/index.asp

What can riders do to help slow down the spread of invasive species?

- Learn to identify invasive plants species and watch for them as you are riding in county parks.
- Stay on designated trails.
- Check for seeds or plant parts on yourself and your horse and dispose of them at the trailhead or preferably place them in a plastic bag and in a trashcan.
- Brush your horse thoroughly and clean your equipment before leaving the trail.
- When possible, use leather boots and bell boots to reduce the chance of seeds sticking on your horses' fur.
- If you bring your dogs, please make sure they are free of seeds and plant parts too!
- Report infestations to Meghan Fellows, Weed Warrior Volunteer Coordinator at mcp-weedwarriors@montgomeryparks.org.

CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN PARK

I would like to share information about my recent work day and education with regards to Catoctin Mountain Park (it is under the National Park Service). Catoctin Mountain Park is located just west of Thurmont off Rt. 77 and is on the Historical register.

I first worked on the Catoctin Equestrian Trail several years ago. The trail was clearly not being used and was in bad shape and terribly overgrown. I worked on the trail again this September 29th. and was thrilled with the condition of the trail and it is clearly being used by fellow equestrians. The group of 10 of us and our tremendous Park Service Volunteer worked on light clearing and it was a very enjoyable work session. We plan to go back and tackle another section on Sunday Nov. 3rd. from 9am until about 1PM. I was sad to hear from many that the 6 mile trail is too short and not worth traveling there to ride. I met some new and wonderful volunteers and some TROT members that go above and beyond.

It is a fairly demanding trail and for others like myself that can not ride for more than a couple hours the trail is fine. The trail has been ridden by presidents and their guests, as far as I know no other trail can say this, in our area. After speaking with Marilyn Miller it was tragic that the riding ring had been taken down because it was no longer being utilized and the stable at the Misty Manor area was also removed. The stable at Camp Green Top is still there but if the equestrian community can not utilize it, I believe it will be short lived too. At present Camp Greentop is being used for therapuetic riding for a very short time during the summer. Maybe we could have a camping area with stalls when it was not in use.

Google Catoctin Mountain Park - Horse Trailer Parking is off of Park Central Road. They would like us to enter from Rt.77 via Foxville Road.

I advise stopping briefly at the Nature Center at the corner of Park Central and Rt. 77 to obtain a map showing the horse trails and parking area.

I hope to continue to work with the park and would like add some information with regards to horses to the website. I noticed it is not promoting the horse trails and there is no mention of stables at Camp Greentop ,which was built in 1937, but it states that you can reserve Camp Greentop for groups.

Lets go forward with a positive outlook and figure out how to make things better and not get caught up in what is wrong!

Thank you - Amy Kimble - TROT Adopt a Trail Coordinator

LISBON HORSE PARADE

Sign up

The Lisbon Horse Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec 7. I will be the one sending in the application and need everyone to contact me as soon as possible if they want to be a part of the the TROT section of the Parade. I also need walking banner holders. This parade has gotten bigger each year and they are expecting large crowds and a lot of artisans selling their wares. It will be a blast. It is very important to have quiet, well behaved horses. MY phone 410-489-7380 and my e-mail is patolivatigger@aol.com. There is no fee for the riders. I do need their name, horses name and a copy of the horses coogins. Pat

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Wicomico County:

**Shawn McEntee (410) 749-2665 smc1159@verizon.net

COUNTY ** = Coordinators * = Contacts



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

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

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 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

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

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

WSSC/Rocky Gorge trail

(Supplee Lane in PG to Tucker Lane in Montgomery County).
Barbara Sollner-Webb
e-mail bsw@jhmi.edu, H(301-604-5619), W (410-955-6278).

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

If you would like to volunteer to show other TROT members your favorite trails contact: Nancy Osgood at 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 with any questions.

Please consider volunteering by filling out the form below:

Call Amy Kimble (TROT past coordinator) at 301-748-8310 or e-mail amykimble@aol.com, with any questions.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

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LOOKING FOR A GOOD NEIGHBOR - When we moved to our new farm in Sykesville, we discovered that this is a very horse-friendly area. Recently, a small farm on our lane has gone up for sale. We'd love to have to some fellow trail riders as neighbors. The house is a cute 1920's updated farm house. Three acres, easy access to Piney Run Park, trails off property, and close to Morgan Run. Two nice pastures with run-ins and a large tack/storage area. Address is 2 Sheppard Lane. Contact Randy Ripley (listing agent) at randy@believeinripley.com. \$475K.
Kyle Jossi countrygirlkyle@gmail.com 7/13

FREE BOARD/LEASE IN EXCHANGE FOR WORK

- in Brookeville, MD: Field board/lease available in exchange for work on horse farm in Brookeville, MD. Large fields with run-in shelters and round pen with direct access to Rachel Carson, Patuxent and Hawlings River trails. Great trail horse available for lease or bring your own. Trailering available to other parks, TROT rides, LOMH events and overnight/camping rides at cost. Work includes any combination of feeding, cleaning, mucking, fence work, mowing, etc. Call Corinne for more details at 301-260-1830.

THISTLEHILL FARM is a small private licensed Maryland boarding farm near Lisbon, MD. We offer full service field boarding with individualized care, excellent pastures/shelter, a lighted outdoor arena, round pen, wash racks and more. Our current (as of October 2012) boarding rate is \$325 per month. The farm is located a short 5 mile drive from Patuxent Park, with hours of trails for you to enjoy. We are the perfect place for your retired or semiretired horse or pony. For more information please call the farm at 410-489-4752 or visit our Blog at: <http://thistlehillfarm.wordpress.com/> 11/12

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valentina_sopko@yahoo.com

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REG. MORGAN FOR SALE - 12 yo, 15.2hh, bay gelding. Started by my dressage instructor at 3 and has continued with lessons since then- I am the limiting factor. Health issues force sale. Mostly trail ridden, a few low level shows where he did well, jumps nicely, UTD on shots. Good for farrier, vet, bathing, trailering, x-ties. Friendly, in your pocket horse. Has always been sound, comes when called, loves to work and be around people. Located in Thurmont-but can bring him to you as I don't have a great place to show a horse.Doris 301-271-4919 or email drinehart2011@comcast.net 8/13

REGISTERED PAINT MARE FOR LEASE - HF

Copper Artist, aka Penny, is a 20 year old registered Paint mare, about 14.3 hh. She was a trail horse for most of her life, and has been doing therapeutic riding since November 2012. She is extremely easy to handle on the ground, quiet and friendly. Under saddle she is happiest as a low-key, walk/trot trail horse. She will go out alone or in a group and can be ridden English or Western, including neck-reining. Best for a confident beginner.

Prefer on-site lease - farm has direct access to the Breezy Loop trail and is near several other trails in Montgomery County. Will also consider local off-site lease.

Email rneff@greatandsmallride.org for more information, or call 301-349-0075 8/13

IRON DANCER - Horse for Adoption!!!! Iron is a great trail riding horse whether leading or following. He is curious and forward moving, does not spook at things and truly enjoys having a job to do. He stands in cross ties nicely, is good for the vet, dentist and farrier. He is ready for his new home, has been off the track for over a year and a half and has found his new discipline. He is a pure thoroughbred, but looks more like a cross with a quarter horse, very solid build. He did have an injury from racing, but has made a great recovery and ready for his new family! His adoption fee is \$1,500.00, those proceeds go back to helping another thoroughbred go through the program!

Contact Stacie Nichols 443-324-6128 Cell, Renaissance Equestrian Foundation, www.renaissanceequestrianfoundation.org 7/13

WANTED: Retirement home for my wonderful trail horse, Tucker, a well-mannered 22 year old gelding. Willing to pay for some care.

Contact Naomi @ 301-279-7994 7/13

Because of my health problems I must sadly give up keeping horses. So I have for sale:

REGISTERED MISSOURI FOX TROTTER MARE

- 14 years old. Good on trail. I want a place where she will be ridden and loved. Asking \$600.

Sally Barnhart 301-508-7355 9/13

MISC. - TRAILERS, SADDLES, TACK, ETC

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MORITZ TWO-HORSE SLANT LOAD STOCK

TRAILER - Tack room, mats and removable window inserts. Used lightly. Bumper pull. \$3500. Located near Boonsboro, MD.

Sally Barnhart 301-508-7355 9/13

SERVICES

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Looking for riders with disabilities of all kinds. I work at 3 different barns in Montgomery County, North Potomac, Boyds & Dickerson which borders Frederick County. There are openings at all 3 barns and we accept most disabilities. Speak to me about your goals, your concerns & your schedule.

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Contact Nancy Heller 301-251-0619

nancyhellerk2@gmail.com

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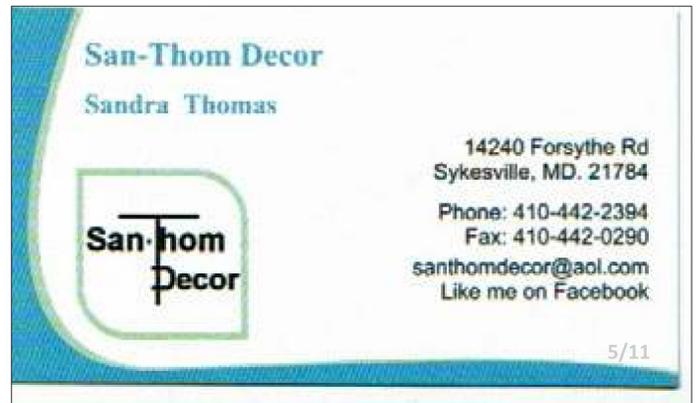
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LOOKING FOR RIDING BUDDIES AND NEED A RIDE/SHARE A RIDE

This section of the Newsletter is for folks who are looking for riding partners – either for meeting up on the trail or for sharing a trailer ride. Linking up with other trail riders is fun – and economical! We want to provide a forum space for people looking for a traveling partner, so please write to the TROT Newsletter at nlosgood@verizon.net.

LOOKING FOR A HORSE TO GO ON TROT RIDES - I would like to ride your horse (if you have an extra one) on a TROT trail ride. I rode for 20 years, but have not recently. I am in the Ellicott City/Catonsville area. I would be happy to share all expenses. Contact: Susan Doukas 443-842-0811 . email: sdoukashorse@yahoo.com

LOOKING FOR A HORSE TO GO ON TROT RIDES - I would like to ride your horse (if you have an extra one) on a Sat. TROT trail ride. I currently ride 3-4 days a week, but the horse I lease does not trailer well. I would love to meet you at your farm, or at the trail site. I live in Potomac & would be happy to share all expenses. Nancy Heller 301-251-0619 nancyhellerk2@gmail.com



TRAIL RIDERS OF TODAY
Richard J. Huffman, TROT Membership
35 Cinder Road, Timonium, Md 21093-4233

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LISBON HORSE PARADE REGISTRATION - It will be held on Saturday, Dec 7, 2013. Sign up now!

TROT MEMBERS WIN AT NORTH AMERICAN POLICE EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS During the weekend of Oct. 11-13, members of HCPD's Volunteer Mounted Patrol travelled to Richmond, VA, to compete in the 2013 North American Police Equestrian Championships.

2014 MARYLAND HORSE WORLD EXPO TROT BOOTH VOLUNTEERS WANTED Club members are being asked if they would like to apply for working a few hours at the TROT Booth at this event.