

Trail Riders Of Today

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Judged Pleasure Ride - Rescheduled

Saturday, September 19, 2009 - 10:00am

TROT's Judged Pleasure Ride has been rescheduled. No rain planned this time. Get your trail riding friends back out on the trail with you and practice, practice, practice once again. 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 pages 11, 12 or on TROT website <http://www.trot-md.org/>

Please Note: We are making this a "LEAVE NO TRACE" event, which means take your trash, poop, hay etc with you.



Help Needed for Judged Pleasure Ride: Judges and Judges' Assistants

Volunteer and bring a friend to help
from - 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

To volunteer contact Deneen Martin: phone (301) 253-2955 or email deneenmartin7@msn.com. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

Pat Talbott's farm near Libertytown, Maryland.

4:00 pm MD.Lorrie Bracaloni will present a demonstration of Holistic Horse Therapies.

6:00 pm pot-luck dinner after presentation

Bring a non-TROT friend and sign them up for the free membership offer.

RSVP: Kyle Jossi at 301-570-3860 or bossyjossi@verizon.net

and get directions to Pat's farm. Please also indicate what you plan to bring for the pot-luck.

Mark your calendar for our next Membership Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 10th at Pat Talbott's farm near Libertytown, Maryland. Our featured speaker will be Lorrie Bracaloni.

Lorrie specializes in holistic equine therapies and will use two TROT horses to demonstrate how to tell when your horse is in pain and specific techniques to balance and realign them to make them more comfortable. Her

approach is to teach the rider/owner how to fix their own horse. Pat's barn has an indoor ring, so this event will be held rain or shine.

After Lorrie's presentation, we'll have a pot-luck dinner and Lorrie will hang around to answer questions. Bring a folding chair. We also need tables to put the food on, please let Kyle know if you can bring one.

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President's Message

TGIS – Thank goodness it is September! Ok, it's not that I don't like Summer. I am good for two days at the beach each year. That is enough to get my annual dose of sand, sunburn, young children, pierced and ringed teenagers and see a full array of tattoos. All within 100 feet of my blanket. It is fun. And of course the Boardwalk Fries leave a lasting impression.

But September marks a beginning, the beginning of the school year, work year, NFL and World Series. But most important it is the start of riding season. For the next four months trail riding is at its peak. We start out the month with Naomi Manders leading a ride on the new Dry Seneca Creek Trail. The trail goes through the fields and woods of large farm estates in Potomac. It is simply beautiful.

In September we will hold the Judged Pleasure Ride. It will be conducted Saturday, September 19, at the Agriculture History Farm Park located in Derwood Maryland. Deneen Martin is organizing the event and has chosen a full line of obstacles that will challenge horse and rider. This is a fun event with many prizes and you don't have to be a TROT member to participate. These events are always fun whether you are a participant or a volunteer. To volunteer, please contact Deneen Martin at deneenmartin7@msn.com. To register, see the application in this newsletter.

Many thanks to Marilyn Miller who organized the Judged Pleasure Ride that was scheduled in June but cancelled due to rain. She put in a great deal of work. Marilyn has organized these rides for the past ten years. She is responsible for making it the success it has been. And thank you Deneen for carrying on with the tradition.

Ron MacNab, President



TROT Ride - Kowomu Trail,

Union Mills, Carroll County, July 18 Saturday.

Ivy Smink

It was a great time. We did 10.5 miles in about 2 1/2 - 2 3/4 hours. I had about 11 or 12 riders and amazing - all but 2 of the horses were gaited so needless to say the pace was moderate! Ron kept track of the miles on his GPS. The weather was breezy and remarkable cool for the day. Eve-

ryone negotiated the fallen tree at the start of the ride - some folks getting in the stream to cut & move branches. The metal bridge crossing presented no problem for all of the "pro" horses. We enjoyed watermelon, mini cream puffs, oreo cookies along with our lunch as we all sat in the shade of the old apple tree. We did recruit a new member Andrea Kaple. Welcome, Andrea! Perhaps we all can do the ride again next year since we had such a good time this year!

TROT Ride - Gunpowder/Sweet Air (Harford County)

May 23, 2009

Pictures submitted by Karen Penharlow



The Start:
Sandy Thomas,
Karen Penharlow,
Jean Swartz



Down
the trail



The Cook:
Kevin Penharlow



Jean
and
Sandy

County Updates

Need volunteers

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

Charles County

Tomi Finkle

Maxwell Hall Equestrian Area is Charles County's newest (members only) equestrian facility. The Park is operated by Charles County Parks and Recreation (CCPR) and is located off Rt. 231 near Benedict, Maryland, and offers over 14 miles of horse trails. Features include: flat wide open riding, "intense" and hilly wooded terrain, cross country jumping course, trail obstacle course, and beach front riding along the Patuxent River. Horseback riding is by membership only (paid to the County), which entitles the member to

have vehicle (gated) access 7 days a week. If you have room in your trailer to bring a friend (and their horse), they are covered under your membership permit. Maxwell Hall Equestrian Area is Charles County's only Park located on the Patuxent River and offers some spectacular scenic views of tidal water entities (see link for park location). http://www.charlescounty.org/maps/parks_rec.html This is an exceptional facility and has something to challenge the skill of any rider, \$25 annual membership required to ride facility, call CCPR 301-932-3470 for membership information

Ride Safe!

Montgomery County

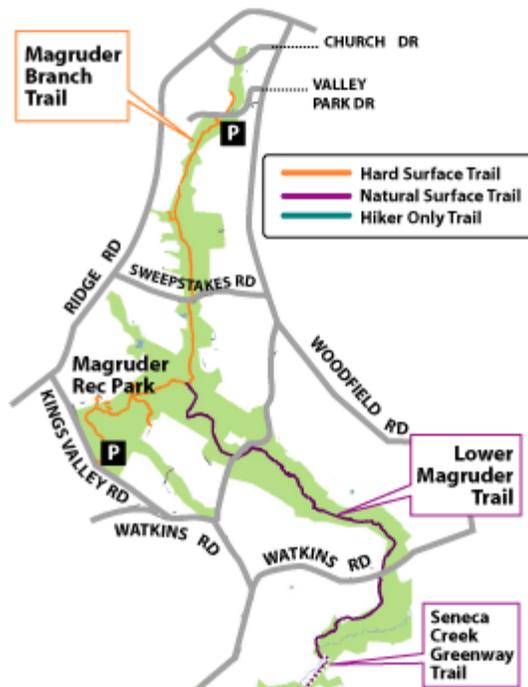
Ron MacNab

Have you ridden the Seneca Greenway Trail? The trail goes from Damascus to Middlebrook following the Magruder Branch Stream and the Upper Seneca Creek. I suggest parking at the parking lot on Log House Road off of Watkins Road. The trail north goes to the Damascus Recreation Park. If you go south, you can go as far as Route 355 just south of Middlebrook. On weekends however I would turn around at Watkins Mill Road. South of Watkins Mill are many hikers and runners. North of that however, you have the trail to yourself.

Description:

This 7.8-mile natural surface trail offers views of the Great Seneca Creek, traverses beautiful upland woodlands, provides a spectacular overlook of the stream valley and includes a natural rock bridge near Watkins Mill Road. Historic points of interest include the former sites of Middlebrook Mills and the Watkins Mill. The mill race associated with Watkins Mill can still be seen.

This trail is part of the larger Seneca Creek Greenway Trail (SCGT), planned as a 25 mile greenway connection between the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. The lower section of the trail, located in Seneca Creek State Park south of MD 355, is 16.2 miles in length.



Riders to the Rescue

Tomi' Finkle, Team Commander

TROTSAR Mounted Team member Laurie Hanahan (Trot-28) was featured on WCAV TV Channel 16 news for her volunteer work with a therapeutic riding center near Charlottesville VA. Team member Tim Black (Trot-30) was featured on page 59 of the August issue Equiery while he was staffing the Mounted Team booth during the Carroll County Equestrian Center's 25th anniversary event.

On Saturday August 1, 2009 members of the TROTSAR Mounted Team were dispatched by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to a search mission to First Landing State Park in Virginia Beach Virginia, for a jogger who had been missing for 4 days. The body of the missing person was located at approximately 11:30am on Saturday morning.

On Saturday August 8, 2009, TROTSAR conducted (horse) trailer safety training at the Howard County Public Safety Center in Marriotsville Maryland. Classroom instruction included U.S. Department of Transportation regulations and

Maryland/Virginia trailer laws. After the classroom training, team members participated in a (7 obstacle) Horse Trailer Rodeo. Nine team members tested their skills while backing straight, left, right and turning in a tight radius as they negotiated their rigs through dozens and dozens of traffic cones on a 2 acre driving course. Lt. Tim Black with the Howard County Police Department was the event safety officer and primary instructor. Tina Ryner won the bumper-pull division with a winning time of just over 3 minutes and Carrie Reed won the goose-neck division with a winning time of just under 4 minutes.

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

Ride Safe!

www.trotsar.org

Maryland Horse Forum

Ron MacNab

The Maryland Horse forum conducted August 6, had nearly 300 attendees. Unlike conferences, the Horse Forum was an opportunity for participants to voice their thoughts and concerns regarding a five year plan for the Maryland Horse Industry. There were nine different topics. The one most

pertinent to TROT was "Trails and Public Lands". Among the participants were leaders from the Maryland State Parks, Maryland State Land Acquisitions, Montgomery Co. MNCPPC, and MORE. The purpose of the session was to identify issues facing the trail riding community and prepare a list of actionable items. My notes from the meeting are below. Anyone interested in working on one or more of these issues should contact me. rmacnab@comcast.net

Notes from the Trails and Public Lands Session

by Ron MacNab

1. Work with Maryland State Parks to expand horse camping opportunities. Maryland has two public horse camping facilities.

- a. Fair Hill – expand the number of campsites with electric
- b. Cedarville – extend camping through November/December

Look into the possibility of opening up camping opportunities in western Maryland parks.

2. Follow-up with the Superintendent of Maryland State Parks, who expressed an interest in an equestrian advisory work group to learn about equestrian issues.
3. Follow-up with the Associate Director of Land Conservation, Land Acquisition and Planning Unit, who expressed an interest in equestrian input on land acquisition and easements to connect parks and bridle trails.

4. Establish a working relationship with the Maryland Forest Service to improve access to trails in Maryland Forests. Strive to have bath and shower facilities built for camping.
5. Establish an online listing of public and private:
 - a. Horse camping facilities
 - b. Bed and Breakfast that offer horse boarding
 - c. Over-night boarding facilitiesThis should be done in cooperation with the MD Department of Tourism.
6. Provide equestrian trail maps online with downloadable gpx files to load to personal GPS's.
7. Identify stakeholder groups of natural surface trails. The purpose is to be able to rally the troops when necessary. This should be done on a county by county basis. I would suggest starting with Montgomery Co.
 - a. Trail riding clubs/organizations
 - b. Mountain bikers (MORE)
 - c. Running clubs
 - d. Hiking clubs
 - e. School cross-country teams
 - f. Friends of (groups)

Green Horses: Making \$ents of Sustainability

Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference, Gainesville, FL

July 8-12, 2009

Pat Oliva

I attended the trail conference in Florida as the representative of TROT and the Maryland Horse Council. Dr. Gene Wood, one of the conference organizers, set the tone of the conference with the following quote "The most important results of our efforts will be a significantly improved dialogue between horsemen and land managers and other trail uses. We must come to understand and respect the land, the values and perspectives of others, and of those charged with the responsibility to manage it."

There were speakers from the National Parks and Forest Service as well as Florida Park and Forest officials. Susan Stormier, PhD. gave an excellent talk on trail design and construction as well as the mental and physical benefits of trail use. There was a representative from the Federal Highway Commission on the availability of highway funds for trails. Sadly, this project will end in October if it doesn't received additional funding. [Editor's Note – Please see the July Newsletter to see how you can advocate for continuation of this program!]

The real strength of the Florida horse groups was the way the small clubs have worked for local trails. They collaborated with the park officials,

other user groups, and business people to address issues and challenges. Their willingness to work together to achieve their goals created good will and set the stage for sustained partnerships which was very evident at the conference.

We, as riders, must realize that we have to share the trails. It means we have to train our horses to accept bikers, dogs and large backpacks on hikers. Having a fearful, skittish horse doesn't invite other uses to share the trail with us.

Ben Pendergrass, from the American Horse Council, gave a talk on legislative updates. There is another bill coming up in the congress concerning horse transportation. The final bill is not ready and it is too soon to act now. When the time comes we have to stop it. We were talking about how the slaughters bill got passed and a few who made the trip to Washington trying to stop it were told by their representative that he got eight letters from horse owners trying to stop it and 5,000 letters from supporters trying to pass it. That was why it was passed. PETA is a strong group and we as horse people have got to join together and take action when bills affecting horses are up before Congress.

Lesson learned:

It is necessary to know what our counties and states are planning for the future. It is too late to ask for trails once developments are finalized. Shake hands with your elected representatives and park personnel. MOST IMPORTANT: volunteer to help maintain the trail. Keep records of the number of hours you give and turn them in to the officials. Volunteers are rated at \$20.25 per hour. With the government agencies so low on funds and personnel it is impossible for them to do trail clearing without the help of hard working volunteers. This is the strength of the bikers. They have the training and the knowledge of laying out trails and a work force of volunteers to do the work.

You do not need much training to be a trail trimmer. Just remember not to drop what you trimmed into the trail. When hikers and bikers are trimming trails, they do it to their height not the height needed for riding. It is not their job to do our work.

I have access to many books on trail construction, grants, and other information. Please get in touch with me at (410) 489-7380 if you need help in finding resources.

Correction

Kyle Jossi

In the May 2009 newsletter the article "HUNTING FOR A HEARTBEAT" contains an error in the table of vital signs. The second row, first column, should say "Heart Rate", not "Breathing Rate".

Vital Sign	Normal Range	How to Check
Respiratory Rate	8-20 breaths/minute while the horse is at rest.	A complete cycle of inhalation and expiration counts as one breath. Watch for the rise and fall of his chest, or the number of times his nostrils flare.
Should be: Heart Rate Was: Breathing Rate	28-40 beats/minute while the horse is at rest.	2 main areas for checking the pulse: (1) The facial artery crosses over the horse's lower jawbone, around the middle of his jowl. The artery will be felt as a firm, round cord along the edge of the bone. (2) The digital artery can be located between the fetlock and hoof on either side. (Best just to buy a cheap stethoscope and check his heart.)
Temperature	99-101 F (37.2-38.2 C)	Rectally. You can use a regular "people" thermometer. Tie a thin string around it in case you lose hold of it while it's in the horse's rectum.

Trial Clearing at Patuxent River State Park

Ami Kimble

We had a very successful mounted Trail Clearing at Patuxent River State Park on Saturday August 15th. We met at the field area off of Annapolis Rock at 8:30AM. We divided up into 4 groups and headed out in different directions to tackle our designated trail clearing assignments. Meanwhile Greg was recording distance for the ride on September

5th. Shortly after beginning we made some adjustments to the groups and added one additional group which split off a member from the original group and added one more. We had a total of 10 participants. Thank you Suzanne Anderson, Deneen Martin, Brenda Senseney, Greg Senseney, Linda Reed, Pat Oliva, Pat's friend- I apologize I can not remember her name, Ashley and Ron MacNab. We put in a total of approximately 25 hours.

With the exception of locating some bees, the day was pleasant and we can all benefit from the work done.

Upcoming Trail Clearing

Ami Kimble

We have the following Tentative Dates:

- 9/26 Rocky Gorge Reservoir between Brown's Bridge and Kruhm Rd.
- 10/24 Monocacy DNR Property at Rt. 28 and the Monocacy River
- 11/01 Annapolis Rock- DNR

We will begin at 9AM and the work will be based on number attending and the work required as well as the weather. I have tried to schedule when there are no other activities planned by TROT.

Please contact me if you are interested in participating in any or all of the above Trail Clearing Dates. Also please let me know of any other areas we need to focus on this Fall.

Amy Kimble, 301-748-8310

Horse related bills passed Md General Assembly May 2009

Janet MacNab

Two horse related bills were passed in the Maryland General Assembly this year. Both bills were introduced by Delegate Virginia Clagett (Maryland's District 30, [Anne Arundel County](#)) who worked closely with the Maryland

Horse Council. House bill (HB 973) included horses in the definition of agriculture. This is significant change since horses had been defined as entertainment. The Maryland Farm Bureau supports the definition of horses as agriculture. The second bill (HB 995) increased horse feed by 10 cents per fifty pounds. These funds will be used by the Maryland Horse Council to promote the horse industry.

Trail Guides

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

Blockhouse Point (Farm Loop on Canal at Violettes Lock)
Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Breezy Loop Boyds, MD an easy hour and 15 minutes.
Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Cactoctin Mountain Park and Little Bennett
Marilynn Miller (301) 898-7274

EPIC Trail at Dry Seneca Creek, Poolesville
This is mostly private with a sanctioned public route - exceptionally good footing, easy trail, good for exercising in winter. THIS IS NOT THE Great Seneca Greeway Trail that goes to Patuxent! 10 miles round trip
Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Gunpowder State Park at Sweet Air (Harford County)
Karen Penharlow, (410) 236-9365 or KlawPaws@aol.com

Little Bennett Park
Jim and Maureen Henry (301)-371-4868.

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

Patuxent River State Park, Rachel Carson and Rock Creek Park, Laury Lobel
(301) 774-9595 or laurylobel@verizon.net

Patapsco State Park off Marriotsville Road
Elizabeth Baran
She is available during the week and weekend and would love to show other TROT members the trails.
H: (410) 442-5006 **C:** (410) 245-8942

Sugarloaf Mt. Vicki Bazan (301) 831-8715

Sugarloaf Mt. Janine Borofka (301) 874-0770

Union Mills/Kowomu Trail
Also Liberty Reservoir trails [off Deer Park Road] and Morgan Run Trails.
Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691 or ivysmink@qis.net

Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD
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

Membership Report

Jeanne Bond, Membership Chairman

4 August 2009	This Period	2009 Total	2008 Total	2009-2008 Comparison
Members	8	647	688	-41
Memberships	5	387	411	-24
• New	3	40	66	-26
• Renewal	2	339	337	+2
• Lifetime	0	8	8	---
Membership Types				
• Sustaining	0	20	12	+8
• Contributing	0	32	31	+1
• Regular	5	335	368	-33

Note:

1. We added 5 memberships during this reporting period: 3 new and 2 renewals. One of the renewals was an "old" one ... so old, that I didn't have a record of it from previous databases. (Susan Ferrara)
2. We're slowly catching up to our numbers from last year. Although still below in total members and memberships, we are ahead in the number of renewals!

Treasurer's Report , August 4, 2009

Susan B. Railey, TROT Treasurer

Treasurer's Report on Tuesday, August 4, 2009

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Checking	\$ 2,540.94
Savings	14,729.64
Certificate of Deposit	<u>6,248.90</u>
Total	<u>\$23,519.48</u>

No Outstanding Invoices to be Paid as of August 4, 2009: \$ -0-

Outstanding Deposits as of August 4, 2009: \$ -0-

What can be done in 4.5 days? How about a two stall barn addition?

Janet MacNab

I spent the early summer months calling and talking to contractors who were not interested in the job of adding stalls to our existing barn. In July, it dawned on me - who knows barns better than the Amish? So before the Amish market closed for the summer, I stopped by and spoke to the butcher. Did he know of anyone who would be interested in building a barn? After a few days I received a call from Allen Stoltzfus. He said he was definitely interested. I sent him pictures of the existing barn and drawings of what we wanted. He would stop by in a few days to visit the site and to work up an estimate.

Allen had estimated that the new portion would be built in 7 to 9 days. Ron was to be the general contractor since he had knowledge of material sources. It was a easy thing for Ron to do since he had worked on the original barn. Allen faxed Ron a list of materials. Ron ordered the cement, all materials including wood, sand and cinder blocks. Allen brought a skid loader, a cement mixer, and an air compressor. They used nail guns and electric saws. Since they came from

Gap, PA which is 2.5 hours away (near Philly) I said they could sleep here. We had 3 extra bed rooms (4 beds) and two baths available. There were three workers the first week Al, Jason about 19 (he is not Amish but works during the summer for Al. He goes to Temple University), and Daniel, Al's nephew (16 years). The second week David, another Amish about 17 or 18 also worked. I served them breakfast whenever they stayed over. (Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, toast and pancakes) Each evening, after they showered they went out to Silver Spring for dinner. They were neat, quiet and hard working. During the 4.5 days they dug the foundation through a rock ledge, had concrete poured, set a three foot cinder block foundation wall, moved 20 inches of sand and blue stone dust for the stall flooring, tore off the old roof on the lower structure, built the new section with two sliding doors, hung two sliding windows, dug a drainage hole and moved the manure pile. Since the barn was completed the work in 4.5 days, he said the bill would be lower!



UPCOMING RIDES

Pat Talbott, Trail ride coordinator

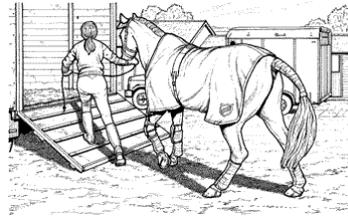
Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on the ride and for information about start time and directions.

All ride participants must:

- wear hard hats,
- be TROT members; (membership forms will be available at the ride for non-members).
- provide a copy of a current negative coggins for each horse.
- if needed, bring a snack for get together after the ride.

Contact ride leader for details.

For any additional questions about TROT rides, please contact Pat Talbott @ day (301) 628-4130 evenings & weekends (301) 704-7339 or ptalbott@insuranceservices.com Most leaders volunteer year after year because they have so much fun! It's a great opportunity to meet other TROT members and maybe find a new trail buddy.



WANTED suggestions of other places to ride and volunteers to be ride leaders. Please contact Pat Talbott (see above).

Sept 12 Saturday Dry Seneca Creek, Poolesville.
Leader: Naomi Manders (301) 279-7994 or naomimanders0@gmail.com

Dry Seneca Creek is a 5 mile one-way trail through private farms and parkland overlooking the Dry Seneca Creek in Poolesville. This trail is managed and maintained by EPIC (Equestrian Partners in Conservation) which has negotiated permission for the public to pass through private properties. EPIC's mission to preserve the equestrian heritage of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve supports the necessity of preserving connectivity via trails between the many equine facilities in the area. There is no charge for the ride.

This trail is an easy 3 hour round trip with excellent footing, 2 stream crossings and stunning views of sun-drenched farmlands and shady, wooded overviews of the stream valley. Terrain is gentle with a few grades, shoes probably not needed, one road crossing but no adequate parking yet. Our ride will meet on one of the private farms in the area (to be determined). Bring something for informal tailgate after the ride. Please visit www.EPICmontgomery.org This ride is led by Naomi Manders. Call in advance if you plan to attend.: (301) 279-7994 or naomimanders0@gmail.com

Parking secured at private farm on Sugarland Rd.--RSVPs will get instructions for that.

Sept 13 Sunday 10am-4pm Open House and Trail Ride

Invitational trail ride and Open House for new boarding facility on 240 acres private farm in South Frederick County. Ride the perimeters of expansive, rolling hayfields with scenic views of Sugarloaf Mountain and explore the wooded trails, including a water crossing at Bush Creek. Register and pick up your trail map the day of the ride. Negative Coggins and signed waiver required. Door prizes! Snacks and drinks for sale. **Reichs Ford Farm, 9611 Reichs Ford Rd., Ijamsville, MD** Contact Resident Manager: Joy Fernon, 240-674-4825 for more information.

Sept 19 Saturday Montgomery Agricultural History Farm Park. Judged Pleasure Ride. Ride Manager Deneen Martin at deneenmartin7@msn.com
See page 1 in newsletter for more information

Sept 20th Sunday Patapsco Valley State Park - Contact

Elizabeth Baran H 410.442.5006 or cell 410.245.8942

October 2 – 4 League of Maryland Invitational Camping Weekend

See page 10 in newsletter for more information

Oct 24 Saturday Agricultural History Farm Park, Montgomery County - We'll start the ride at 10:30 it is approximately 2-1/2 hours. We will walk maybe a little trotting depending on the group. There will be creeks, woods, open fields and bridges; it is a beautiful place to ride. Bring a bag lunch and a chair. Don't forget water for your trusty steed. Ride Leader Linda Reed call in advance if you plan to attend 410 489 7430 or cell 443 745 8137 or email robertreed@verizon.net

Oct 31 Saturday Little Bennett Halloween Ride.

Leader: Maureen & Jim Henry (301) 371-4868

Riders need to be at the parking field by 1 PM to register. At 1:30 prearranged groups will assemble so that I can go over the basic rules of the Scavenger Hunt. Riders should be able to at least trot their horses so that the team can cover as wide an area as possible within the 1 1/2 hour time limit that they will have to find the items required. No one will need to collect anything, but each group will be given a pad, pencil, and map to note approximately where the item was located with some nearby references. The items will be flora, fauna, manmade items, or places within the park, but they must stay on the near half of the park and not cross Clarksburg Road to locate the items because of the limited time frame. The leaders of each of the groups will be chosen by having some knowledge of the park by previously riding there. I want to limit to 30 riders and no more than 6 teams of 5 in each group so that the group can all work together. Larger groups don't facilitate communication well. Jim and I know these trails by heart and I have memorized major reference points for all the trails. Winning team will be chosen by the time they arrive back at the trailer area and the amount of the scavenger hunt they were able to complete. Should there be a tie there will be a mini hunt at the trailer area to determine the final winner. Winning team will receive individ-

(Upcoming Rides Continued on page 9)

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ual prizes. I have found some horsey items for around a \$1.00 each. Everyone will get small trick or treat bags with Halloween candy and I will have a large bag of carrots for the horses. I am making pouches that can be hung from any saddle to hold the small tablet and pencil for the person on the team that will do the recording. We will potluck after the ride. Food brought could definitely have a fall or Halloween theme. I will provide a couple of tables decorated as such to put the food on. Jim and I will bring the paper products. We will remain at the trailer site to record the teams as they return. I have some more details to work out but nothing that will be necessary to know prior to the ride. The participation on this will be first come first serve due to the teams and organization needed. We should all be able to leave the park by late afternoon. RSVP Maureen Henry 301-371- 4868 by Thursday Oct. 29. So I have time to have the teams organized and inform the leaders of their group members. Early notification is imperative to be able to participate. Lawn chairs should be brought for individual comfort.

Nov 7 Saturday Upper Patauxent River State Park

Leader: Suzanne Anderson (301) 829-3881 evenings or trailsendfarm@verizon.net

The trails are hilly but not too rocky. There will be river crossings and depending on the rainfall mud or dust. The ride will be 2 ½ to 3 hours mostly walk and trot. Bring a sandwich for lunch after the ride. Suzanne will provide chips and soda. Bring water for your horse as there is no water at the trailer parking site. Contact Suzanne in the evenings at 301 829 3881 or email at trailsendfarm@verizon.net

Nov 14 Saturday Anacostia Park.

Leader: John Angevine (301) 937-0014.

This is a favorite TROT ride that closes out our ride season. Folks who have attended this ride say they are amazed with the spacious trails and beautiful scenes along the Anacostia River so close to downtown DC. The ride may encounter bikes, fishermen, some asphalt, as well as a scenic view of the historic Lincoln Cemetery. Contact John at 301-937-0014

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09-13-07 09:00:00



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Maryland Competitive Trail Ride

Ron MacNab, TROT Member

Sponsored by Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association (www.ECTRA.org)

Sunday September 6.

25 Mile Ride

Location: 5025 Damascus Road,
Goshen Hunt Kennels, Laytonsville, MD
Cost is \$56.

Contact : Brenda Senseney at 301-253-4182 or email gsenseney@comcast.com

Participants and volunteers needed.

PBHTA Annual Barn Tour

Naomi Manders

Saturday September 26, 12:00 - 5:00 pm.

(see www.pbhta.org)

We have a wonderful selection of facilities with demonstrations - esp. the Fresian Farm. - Join us for an afternoon of family fun (\$20 per car/tickets on line end of August)

PA RANGERS 2ND ANNUAL JUDGED PLEASURE TRAIL RIDE

Sunday, October 18, 2009 (raindate Oct. 25), registration begins at 8 am, and first riders out at 9 am. Cost is \$20 per rider (includes burgers/dogs/soda). For additional info please call Sharon at 717-225-3844. To pre-register for an assigned ride time, please call Diane at 717-637-4998.

INVITATIONAL RIDE at League of Maryland Horsemen, OCTOBER 2-4, 2009

Come on out and join us with members from the regional horse clubs for a great weekend of fun, camaraderie and meeting new and old friends. This is an annual event to get the regional clubs together to share riding and ideas. Please join us.

There will be a 'bring your covered dish' dinner on Friday night. Breakfast will be provided both Saturday and Sunday. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. Dinner will be provided Saturday evening and early Sunday afternoon. Organized rides will be led both Saturday and Sunday.

Please check with the event chairman or read the club rules posted in the clubhouse if you are visiting us. Portable corals up to 12' x 12' are allowed. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Coggins must be shown at registration. The cost of this weekend is \$25.00 per person. Children 7 and under are free. Have your reservations and check made out to LOMH and send to :

Nichole Orr
16872 Barrens Rd North
Stewartstown, Pa 17363

Nichole must have your registration and check in hand by September 26. **NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**

Chairperson: Evelyn Burkhouse can be reached at 410-398-9749. Please be sure to leave your name and number if you leave a message.



TROT Judged Pleasure Ride

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Date: September 19, 2009
 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 6 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 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.

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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: **Deneen Martin**
7201 Damascas Rd.
Laytonsville. MD 20882

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**)

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? Email Ride Manager Deneen Martin at deneenmartin7@msn.com

Wet trails? Call for cancellation information
Phone (301) 253-2955

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!

Cut along line

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 FoxTrotter, 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 MC-MNCPPC 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 _____

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- Insert (all copies delivered to our printer) - \$50

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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.)

Horse Trailer for Sale: Gore Aluminum over a steel frame. Very good condition. Gooseneck, 2 horse, thoroughbred size. New electric and lights. Good floor. Damascus, MD. Looks nice. Call Mary (301) 391-6683.

Pony For Sale: Ginger - Will follow along nicely on trail rides. 13'2" mare, very pretty bay. Very child safe but outgrown. Easy to care for and a great baby-sitter. A good home is a must. Damascus, MD. Call Mary (301) 391-6683.

For Sale: Parelli Level 1 Partnership Program, complete set of books and DVDs. \$95. **Parelli Level 2 Harmony Program**, complete set of books, cards, and DVDs: \$95. Both for \$175. Call Jeanne at 410-275-1858



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

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

Bank Barn on 3 acres for rent: 5 stalls (one foaling stall), water and electric, concrete wash area under barn overhang, huge double loft upstairs for hay and straw, 2 tackrooms with saddle racks, dry lot off stalls, 2 grass paddocks all board fenced, trails on farm, riding ring and round pen available, owner on premises, rubbermaid water trough, trailer parking available. All this for \$175/horse, self care only, price negotiable (would prefer one boarder with several horses). Email reply to Dustyfarm@aim.com or call Lynda (410) 963-3448

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Patty Lynch (301) 693-3866
Email: ms.patty.lynych@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Horse size wooden Meadow Brook cart in good condition. Does need painting- \$800.
Smuckers horse size driving harness in excellent condition (includes storage bags)- \$675.
Call Kathy at (301) 776-8954.

Young TB who is great on trails, and would love to trailer pool to some of the far-flung places around. I live on the north side of Sugarloaf Mountain and would be happy to guide someone around. Generally I ride during the week-days, with some weekends.
Janine Borofka quietrockfarm@yahoo.com (301) 874-0770

Experienced rider wanted to lease my 3 yo GAITED Rocky Mountain gelding (has had 9 months professional training) and go on quiet rides with me in West Laurel. call Kathy at (301) 776-8954 for more details.

Saddle for sale: County Desprie saddle. 17 W. Black. Very versatile saddle, three saddles in one. Can be adjusted for forward seat, all purpose and dressage. Very comfortable. Great condition. \$1500. Call Lisa at (301) 253-9243.

Horse trailer for sale: 1998 2H bumper pull with dressing room. Straight load, 2 escape doors, walk through to dressing room. Aluminum with steel frame. Serviced yearly. Good condition, new tires. \$4000. Call Lisa at (301) 253-9243.

Beautiful Tennessee Walker Gelding: Safe, Sane, Fun, Companion Horse or Pet Free to Good Home takes pergolide once a day at a cost of less than \$30 per month. Call Donna Moore at (410) 489-6506

THREE GELDED QUARTER HORSES FOR SALE: Good feet, bone, and sturdy confirmation. Used as trail horses, easy keep, and no vices. They are updated on all shots, feet, and teeth. “Oakie”- AQHA 17yr grey, “Huckleberry”- APHA 20yr paint, and “Dancer”- AQHA 20yr chestnut with star and stripe. We also have saddles (English and Western), tack, saddle blankets and pads, and grooming supplies for sale! For more information reply to Lindsey@glenstone.org or call 301.983.5678

Horse Boarding Available: 6 acres in Gaithersburg which include three pastures, a four stall stable barn with tack room, hay loft, and water and electric. Property is nicely secluded with a natural spring and backs Muddy Branch Park and riding trails. Full or partial board is available for \$200-\$300 (pricing negotiable). Location is off of Turkey Foot Rd in 20878 zip code.
Please call Steve at 703-887-1799 with questions and to view

Rocky Mountain Horse for sale-very unusual colored Dun gelding. Three years old, registered, and has had 7 months of professional training. Gaits. Very sweet boy, but needs mileage. Sadly selling due to my health problems. \$4500.00 Good home a must. Call Kathy at 301-776-8954

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

Arab/Paso mare, gaited. 12 years old 14.3 H. grey; full mane and tail. Crystal is a beautiful, responsive, forward, experienced trail horse. She is excellent by herself or with others; goes through mud and water, over obstacles, in traffic and with dogs. She trailers easily, is good for the blacksmith, and is healthy and completely sound. Does not rear, buck, crib, etc. \$1200 OBO. 3001 848-5479

Need a ride/Share a ride!

Do you have a two or three horse trailer, but don't like traveling alone? Do you have a horse, but no trailer? TROT organizes some great trail rides throughout Maryland. It would be a shame to miss those fun times because you don't like to travel alone or because you don't have a trailer. We

want to provide a forum space for people looking for a traveling partner, so please write to the TROT Newsletter at nlogood@verizon.net.

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

WANTED! VOLUNTEER PARK PATROLS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY!

Do you spend a lot of time riding (or walking) in Montgomery County's fabulous parks? Do you treasure the parks and appreciate the haven they provide? Are you the type of person that is committed to protecting the parks? Do you want to do something concrete to support the parks?

You might want to consider becoming a volunteer park patrol with the Maryland National Capital Park Police. The Park Police have partnered with everyday people who use and love the parks to provide volunteer park patrols. These citizen volunteers provide a presence in the parks that serves to supplement the uniformed police force there. Volunteers do not "enforce" park rules, but serve as additional "eyes and ears" to help keep the parks safe.

So how do you become a volunteer park patrol? The program requires that you attend a free training academy. Volunteers are expected to contribute 60 hours of service per year. The time can be spent in park patrols (horse-mounted, foot, bike, or vehicle), and in supporting the Park Police in other ways, such as participating in special park events, assisting the Park Police in community events, and in providing support services to the Park Police.

You might not know that there are many TROT members that also serve the community as volunteer park patrols – on horseback, foot, and bike. Don't be surprised if you see TROT President, Ron MacNab, on his beautiful Rocky Mountain horse, Sergeant Pepper, in his role as volunteer park patrol. His wife Janet is also a volunteer. Other TROT

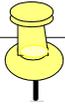
members that are active volunteers are Allison Abernathy, Janette Alexander, Lorin Bleecker, Richard Cohen, Jack Corbett, Harold Goldstein, Geneva Loczi, Sheila O'Donnell, Nancy Osgood, Sim Shanks, John Wood, and Janet Young.

So if you have an interest, and want more information, just contact one of your fellow TROT members, or go to the website www.parksvolunteers.org. Click on Park Police on the menu on the left of the screen. To apply for the next training academy you must fill out the online form at www.parksvolunteers.org. Click Volunteer Login and New Application. The next training academy starts in February 2010 – **but applications must be in by November 1, 2009**. You may also contact Sergeant Lauryn McNeill at lauryn.mcneill@montgomeryparks.org.

So saddle up – and serve your community at the same time!



Ron MacNab in Volunteer uniform.



The Back Page

from the Newsletter Staff

See inside the Newsletter for information about the **Judged Pleasure Ride to be held on Saturday, September 19. Don't delay – send your entry form today!!**

Also, mark your calendars for our next fun **membership meeting – Saturday, October 10.** We will have a presentation about holistic equine therapies and a pot luck dinner. This should be a really fun time – so don't miss it!

ATTENTION ALL RIDERS! FALL DEER HUNTING SEASON BEGINS SOON!

The Maryland State Department of Natural Resources has a new "Hunting Seasons Calendar" on its website at http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/pdfs/Hunting_Seasons_Calendar.pdf. This page includes all hunting seasons (including game other than deer) and an explanation of the Regions. In a nutshell, bow season opens in most areas on **September 15**, and black powder firearm season opens **October 22**. Hunting hours are one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. Rifle seasons open in November, and we will have additional information on rifle season as well as managed deer hunts in the November Newsletter. Please remember to be safe and precautionous, but also be courteous and respectful to lawful hunters!



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