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And encourage your riding buddies to join, too!

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[Photos and articles without attribution are from Barbara Sollner-Webb]

## ANOTHER SCOTT PURDUM TRAIL CLINIC IS COMING

Those who attended Scott Purdum's June Trail Obstacle Clinic -- that Debby Poole organized and TROT hosted -- felt it was so helpful in mastering "scary trail monsters" that they asked for another clinic this fall. And here it is, again organized by Debby Poole:

### OBSTACLE CLINIC WITH TROT

- 4 hour clinic to overcome obstacles
- Not discipline specific; no age limit or skill limit. All are welcome!
- This program covers groundwork and/or under-saddle
- Each participant receives plenty of one-on-one time with Scott
- Each participant receives a ribbon and certificate
- Limited to 10 riders-- no exceptions!
- Price: \$150
- Date and time: Oct. 21, 2016, 9 AM-1 PM
- Location: Schooley Mill Park, 12975 Hall Shop Road, Highland, MD 20777

**For info and to sign up: contact Advantage Horsemanship at 1-877-574-6773 or <[ADVANTAGEHORSEMANSHIP.COM](mailto:ADVANTAGEHORSEMANSHIP.COM)>, <[ALLIE@ADVANTAGEHORSEMANSHIP.COM](mailto:ALLIE@ADVANTAGEHORSEMANSHIP.COM)>**

[photo from June Scott Purdum clinic]



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Gale Monahan

Now that fall is coming to our area, temperatures are much more suitable for trail riding. I have only one caution: riders have reported ground bees on some trails!

County Coordinators are a very important part of TROT. They are the individuals who keep track of what is going on in their counties, contacting their County Council representative and County Executive, letting them know about TROT and what we do. The County Coordinator works with the county's planning and zoning staff, developers and organizations or groups that deal with land development and/or trail development to advocate for preservation and expansion of trails. The County Coordinators hopefully attend or call in to TROT board meetings to report on projects and recommend board action as well as to get feedback and assistance. If you are ...

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## NEEDED: A NEW TROT MEMBERSHIP CHAIR and CONSTANT CONTACT GURU

Sim Shanks, who has long tracked membership and prepared "Constant Contact" emails with breaking news and reminders, needs someone (or ones) to take over. Please contact Sim at <[simshanks@verizon.net](mailto:simshanks@verizon.net)> or 301-570-0614 to discuss what's involved.

## NEEDED: COORDINATOR and VOLUNTEERS FOR ANNUAL MEETING/POT-LUCK DINNER

Volunteers are needed for the committee to plan and coordinate TROT's annual meeting/potluck dinner/silent auction, to be held March 4, 2017 in Mt Airy. This is a fun event that our members really enjoy. Contact Gale Monahan, at 301-854-3852 or <[gale.email2@gmail.com](mailto:gale.email2@gmail.com)>.

## GREAT TROT RIDE TO BE HELD AT JUG BAY THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

This upcoming ride, announced in the last newsletter and on the TROT and Maryland Trail Riders Yahoo list-serves, is described on page 5. I hope this newsletter reaches you in time to sign up and join in riding this swell venue.

## GET A FREE ONE-DAY PASS -- HORSE WORLD EXPO -- JANUARY 20-22, 2017

Sign up to help for two hours at TROT's booth at Horse World Expo and get a free day pass. Dates are Friday, January 20 through Sunday, January 22, 2017, at the Timonium fairgrounds. These spaces go quickly so sign up now! Contact Priscilla Huffman at <[priscillahuffman@verizon.net](mailto:priscillahuffman@verizon.net)> to reserve your date and time.

## RECEIVE YOUR TROT NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

This is to members who receive the newsletter in black and white (well, yellow) in your mailbox. Wouldn't you prefer to get it quicker and with the photos in color and at higher resolution? To switch from snail mail to email delivery, please contact TROT's membership chair, Sim Shanks at <[simshanks@verizon.net](mailto:simshanks@verizon.net)> or 301-570-0614.

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interested in representing your county, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always willing to talk. I was Howard County Coordinator for more than 10 years and have the archives of what we did, happy to share if that may help.

TROT had a booth at the Maryland State Fair again this year. Thanks Janet Whelan, Dana Grabiner, Barbara Sollner-Webb and Priscilla and Dick Huffman for volunteering for our one-day booth in the Horseland tent. We had a few folks sign up to get TROT information, with one who was willing to lead a ride. Next year we hope to have a booth there for more than one day.

I hope to see you at TROT's second Scott Purdum Trail Obstacle Clinic in October. I am planning on taking my new five-year-old gaited mare. See the announcement on page 1 of this newsletter.

## TROT's TWO 2016 EQUESTRIAN YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS

*from Gale Monahan and Jenn Poole, representing TROT scholarship committee*

We are recognizing Ms. Allison Jeffries from Crownsville, MD and Ms. Gabrielle Hockensmith from Taneytown, MD for being selected for the Trail Riders of Today 2016 Youth Scholarship award. TROT wants to thank those who applied. Congratulations, Allison and Gabrielle.

## RECENT TRAIL WORK

### **At Patapsco State Park & Ten Mile Creek** *from TROT's Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator, Amy Kimble*

MORE (Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts), the biking and trails group whom TROT frequently partners with, recently had 114 people, including TROT's Amy Kimble, show up at **Patapsco State Park** for a trail work day. Thanks to Eric Crawford, Ed Dixon, and the rest of the Patapsco Crew. Fall is a good time to get the trails ready for the winter and the upcoming events. Check MORE's calendar at <<http://www.more-mtb.org>> to find a time to get your hands dirty. If you can't make a work day but still want to help, consider donating to the trail fund. Or do both!

**TEN MILE CREEK TRAIL (FORMERLY KNOWN AS BLACK HILL WEST TRAIL) RIBBON CUTTING:** Recently MORE members, TROT's Amy Kimble, and state and Montgomery County officials gathered to officially open Ten Mile Creek Trail at Black Hill Regional Park. This 6.1 mile natural surface trail snakes along the shores of Little Seneca Lake and is open to hikers, cyclists, and horseback riders. 460 volunteers worked about 2,400 hours to construct Ten Mile Creek Trail. Wow! Thanks to these great volunteers, especially Rick Meyer, and thanks to everyone who showed up to open Ten Mile Creek Trail.

### **At Rachel Carson Park, Trail Rerouting** *from Nancy Osgood*

On September 6, TROT members Laury Lobel and Nancy Osgood accompanied Jim Corcoran, Trail Volunteer Coordinator for Montgomery County Park, to show him one section of eroding equestrian trails in Rachel Carson Park. He heartily agreed to request park maintenance to reroute this section of the Rachel Carson Greenway trail to prevent further erosion. This will be a major trail rerouting project, and the maintenance department will need some heavy equipment to lay out the new trail routing. That's where TROT comes in. After the trails are rerouted, the new trails will require a lot of finishing work which cannot be done by heavy equipment. Individuals will be asked to volunteer their time and sweat equity to do the...  
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*Laury and Jim surveying eroded trail & looking for possible rerouting options.*



## At Rachel Carson Park, Trail Rerouting [continued from page 2]

final finishing work on the new trails. Stay tuned and be ready to come to the call of fellow TROT members, who are dedicated to maintaining the equestrian presence in Rachel Carson Park.

Nancy and Laury and Ron and Janet MacNab have spent countless hours working on Rachel Carson equestrian trails. They have clipped invasive plants encroaching on the trails and have removed trash and debris, including some horse hazards like old barbed wire and large glass fragments. In the past, several organized work days have been spent fixing wet areas and rerouting unsustainable trail sections.

Rachel Carson Park is a jewel in the crown of the Montgomery County park system. It is an environmental park dedicated to keeping the natural and unique ecosystem in a pristine condition. Some time if you are riding the beautifully maintained horse trails in the park, take a leisurely look around you – and recognize some of the hidden treasures of the park. And be ready to join us this fall to do some trail work while basking in the beautiful surroundings. You might be lucky enough to spot that rare and shy Baltimore oriole!



Eroded section to be rerouted this fall.

**Editor's note: Thank you, Amy and Nancy, for your reports! PLEASE everyone, report your trail work to (<[bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu)>) for inclusion in the next issue, as it will help inspire other TROT members to also contribute to trail maintenance.**

## UPCOMING TRAIL WORK AND RELATED VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

### Please Do Trail Upkeep Each Time You Are Out – AND Report It To Amy!

Since preserving and enhancing sustainable trails is TROT's mission, please help by doing some needed trail upkeep whenever you are out on the trails, whether riding or walking. This can be as easy as clipping or breaking any protruding branches as you ride by. And then please report your trail work time and location to TROT's Adopt-A-Trail coordinator, Amy Kimble, as these hours are very beneficial to the local parks' budgets. Easiest is to text the info to her at 301-748-8310 with your name, location and work hours, and she will respond so you know that she has gotten your text; or you can e-mail her at <[amyhkimble@aol.com](mailto:amyhkimble@aol.com)>.

### If You Prefer Group Trail Work Efforts

Almost any day you are inclined to do trail work but want a trail work buddy, contact TROT's Adopt-A-Trail coordinator, Amy Kimble (<[amyhkimble@aol.com](mailto:amyhkimble@aol.com)>). She likely will be out doing trail work and would love to have you join her.

### ... A Work Group at Rachel Carson Park

from Laury Lobel

There will be a work party on Oct 22 from 9-1 at Rachel Carson Park to pursue the work described in Nancy Osgood's article on page 2-3. Meet in the park's parking lot on Zion Road, one block from Sundown Road, or walk down the Rachel Carson Greenway trail till you run into us. For more information and to sign up, please contact Laury Lobel at <[Laurylobel@verizon.net](mailto:Laurylobel@verizon.net)>.

### ... Trail Work in Carroll County, with a special invitation to Union Mills' work group

The Carroll County Equestrian Council (CCEC) organizes a very active trail work program, always 9 AM to noon. See <<http://www.carrollcountyequestriancouncil.org/calendar.htm>> for CCEC's current trail work information. And please report your trail work hours to Amy Kimble (see above).

-- Morgan Run: Sunday, Oct. 9 and Sunday, Nov. 13 – call ahead to Carolyn Garber (410-549-5141)

-- Union Mills, Sunday, Sept. 25 – call ahead to Howard Lanham (410-259-2964 or <[hqlanham@gmail.com](mailto:hqlanham@gmail.com)>). About this latter work group, Howard Lanham writes: "We would love to have any TROT members who would be interested in volunteering. The only way to keep trails open for equestrian travel is to work on them and we all need to pitch in." **Please do go and join this work!**

### ... Work to Help the WSSC Trail System

from Nicole Horvath

On October 22, 2016, WSSC is organizing a Patuxent River Watershed Clean-up at Supplee Recreation Area, 9 AM to noon. Meet at 16904 Supplee Lane, Laurel, MD. For info, contact WSSC Community Outreach <[communityoutreach@wsscwater.com](mailto:communityoutreach@wsscwater.com)> or sign up at <<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a48a9af28a0f58-fall1>>.

## ... Great Trail Work and Invasive Plant Training Session

from Priscilla Huffman

The Gunpowder Valley Conservancy invites equestrians to participate in their "Trail Maintenance and Invasive Plant Workshop" on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Learn about techniques such as rock armoring or rolling grade dips to prevent sediment erosion and improve water quality. Half the team will perform trail maintenance and the other half will learn about invasive plants in the park and then remove some of them by digging or pulling. Teams will switch roles after lunch. Volunteers will meet at the Bunker Hill parking lot at the end of Bunker Hill Rd across from Hereford High School on York Rd. Bring water, lunch, gloves, and tools. For more information, contact <[priscillahuffman@verizon.net](mailto:priscillahuffman@verizon.net)> or <[pperry@gunpowdervs.org](mailto:pperry@gunpowdervs.org)>. The workshop is made possible by a conservation grant from REI.

## ... Helping WSSC Maintain Their Rocky Gorge and Triadelphia Trails from Nicole Horvath

WSSC now maintains their delightful Rocky Gorge and Triadelphia trails by removing downed trees and sporadically mowing their trail sections with grass. But they can only know about obstacles that need their attention if we tell them. Thus, their Environmental Outreach Coordinator, Nicole Horvath (<[Nicole.Horvath@wsscwater.com](mailto:Nicole.Horvath@wsscwater.com)>; 301-206-8240-office, 240-205-3431-cell) kindly wrote to TROT: "Please inform riders that if they come across large limbs or other debris that are blocking the trail or access roads they should notify the Brighton Dam Visitor Center at 301-206-7485 of the location of the damage. This way we can track storm damage and the team can assist with removal of large debris." **Thank you, Nicole and WSSC!**

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**\*\*\* If you know of other trail riding/hiking/bicycling/other groups who organize trail work efforts, please let the newsletter editor know about this (<[bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu)> or 301-604-5619), for inclusion in future TROT newsletters. \*\*\***

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## REPORT ON TROT TRAIL RIDES SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

from Barbara Sollner-Webb

In the last newsletter, we reported that too many of our scheduled rides unfortunately had to be cancelled due to rain or ground that was too wet to ride without causing damage or because of excessive heat, but we also reported on six great rides we did enjoy in good weather. In the subsequent two months, Mother Nature decided to come down harder on TROT rides, allowing only one of our scheduled rides while forcing cancellation of the other nine, almost all due to a predicted heat index of over 100 degrees but a couple due to predicted strong thunderstorms. The rides we were forced to cancel/postpone were: the July 28 Fairland ride of Laury Lobel and Barbara Sollner-Webb; the July 30 NCR ride of Laura Colicchio and Barbara Sollner-Webb; the August 6 Rosaryville ride of Laura and Tony Colicchio as well as its August 27 make-up date; the August 11 Black Hill ride of Grace Richards; the August 13 Great Falls/Riverbend ride of Cécile Neuvens as well as its August 20 make-up date; the September 10 Fairland ride of Barbara Sollner-Webb and Jenn Poole; and the September 18 McKelden/Woodstock Inn ride of Carolann Sharpe. Thank you, everyone, for offering to lead these great-sounding rides and for working to reschedule them!

The only TROT ride we did manage to get in was at **Fairland Regional Park** (spanning Montgomery and Prince George's counties) on its make-up date of September 17. FINALLY, it was a very nice day for riding! The ride was organized by Barbara Sollner-Webb and Jenn Poole, but Jean Cooper did most of the leading (because Barbara's horse is a wimp about leading). We had a most enjoyable, 2 ½ hour excursion through this pretty park, followed by a great pot luck lunch. The participants were (shown left to right in the photo below): Hope Millington, Laury Lobel, Jean Cooper, Debby Poole, Jenn Poole, Terry Ledley, Barbara Sollner-Webb, and Ingrid Gentry. Two others wanted to come but had truck malfunctions.

While Fairland's trails feel quite rural, this park is in the middle of suburbia, with a lot of nearby townhouses whose residents enjoy coming to this park to play ball and picnic. The kids are thrilled to see the "horsies" and to actually be able to pet "a real live horsie." It is a great opportunity to be a good emissary for horses.



## Stay Vigilant on the Trail

For your horse's and your own safety, please pay close attention for any hazards on the trail.

Remember the scary tale last year, when some deranged jerk was putting razor blades mounted in wooden holders on trails in the Frederick watershed (something that happily did not hurt a horse and has since stopped)? Well, in mid-August Jean Swartz and Wendy Emblin reported on TROT's Facebook page that tacks had been spread in the NCR trail, both on the Maryland and the Pennsylvania side. Following up with Jean more recently, she related that the parks officials had carefully swept the trail with a large magnet, to pick up loose metal, and that there have been no recent reports of any such issues on the trail. And since a large number of mountain bikers use this trail regularly, their tires would most likely have again been popped by tacks if more were there. Indeed, authorities suggest that the mountain bikers may well have been the target in both these cases. But they sure are scary for horses, too! They surely show how important it is to be vigilant and report any suspicious observations.

## UPCOMING TROT TRAIL RIDES

from Barbara Sollner-Webb

Now with the cooler weather of fall, we hope to be able to have our planned TROT rides. They are a fun way to learn new trails, meet new riding buddies, and -- probably most important for TROT's mission -- to see the virtue of preserving trails.

To participate in a ride, **contact the designated ride leader to sign up and learn the specifics, including the start time.** Then, if bad weather causes a ride to be postponed, the ride leader will be able to notify you. All ride participants **must wear helmets**, have current negative Coggins for the horses, and be TROT members (membership forms at <http://www.trot-md.org> and at the ride); also there are \$5 one-day memberships to encourage non-TROT riders to join. If you want to come on a ride but do not have a trailer, contact the ride leader, as often she/he can arrange for another participant to pick you and your horse up (assuming your horse is familiar with trailering); or you can post a request on the TROT list-serve.

For updated ride listings, please watch the TROT and Maryland Trail Riders Yahoo list-serves. Please note that everyone is welcome to announce our TROT rides and invite folks to join, but to protect the integrity of our ride program, in that announcement please include all the above requirements and accurately copy the ride information.



**Horse and riders ready for an earlier Rocky Gorge TROT ride, before splitting up into all-walk, walk-trot, and walk-trot-canter riding groups**

## September

### Saturday, September 24 – Jug Bay, in southern Prince George's County, MD

Contact: Jacquie Cowan <[jacquiecowan@comcast.net](mailto:jacquiecowan@comcast.net)> or 410-215-4979

Come join us on a wonderful ride at Jug Bay, and old staple ride, not in our schedule in recent years and now happily reintroduced by Jacquie Cowan -- this Saturday, September 24. Jug Bay is a lovely venue in the southern part of the Patuxent River park system -- especially fitting with our 2016 focus on trails located on the Patuxent! Specifically, Jug Bay is in Croom, MD (southeast of Upper Marlboro in Prince George's County) and offers about 10 miles of well-maintained wooded trails. These trails cross a couple of horse-friendly bridges and park roads, with footing that is generally good for strong barefoot horses, although there are a couple of short portions of gravel. This will be a leisurely ride that will accommodate all levels of experience. Please bring your lunch for a gathering at the trailers after the ride. Also, don't forget water for you and your horse, plus clean-up tools; we will pack out our manure and trash. [And sorry for the oversight, omitting this listing from the September Constant Contact that TROT recently sent out.]

### Thursday, September 29 – Ag Farm Regional Park in Montgomery County, MD

Contact: Laury Lobel (<[Laurylobel@verizon.net](mailto:Laurylobel@verizon.net)> or 301-774-9595)

Laury's "last-Thursday-of-the-month" ride this month will be at Ag Farm Park in Montgomery County, MD, just west of Olney. It will be a walk ride with plenty of opportunities for those who want to move out faster. Bring lunch and chair. Drinks and dessert will be provided by our kind hostess.

### Friday, September 30 to Sunday, October 2 – League of Maryland Horsemen Invitational, Marriottsville, MD

TROT members are invited to the League of Maryland Horsemen's Invitational Weekend at its private campground in Patapsco Valley State Park north of Ellicott City, MD. Great riding, super camaraderie, swell food! Carolann Sharp and Joyce Bell have provided the following information: The League of MD Horsemen invites its members and those of other horse clubs to a fun-filled weekend of camping, fellowship, and riding the beautiful trails at Patapsco State Park. [continued on next page]

The cost for the whole weekend is only \$45 for adults, \$15 for children 12 and under, and free for kiddies under six, and includes two nights of camping with access to the clubhouse and hot showers as well as six meals (soup and sandwich on Friday, breakfast on Sat. and Sun, lunch on the trail Sat., and lunch after the ride on Sunday). SATURDAY'S DINNER WILL BE POTLUCK (League will provide meat/protein and beverages). There will be three speed rides: gaited, medium, and scenic, departing at 10 AM each day. The deadline for reservations is Sept. 23, with no refunds after this date. Please send reservations to: Joyce Bell, 6682 J. Oren Road, Easton, MD 21601, and make check payable to "LOMH". We look forward to greeting old friends and making new ones! Questions: Valerie Barber (410-922-5053) or Joyce Bell (410-820-6002).

## October

### **Sunday, October 2 -- Liberty Reservoir, in Carroll County, MD**

**Contact: Mary Prowell** (<[boprow@aol.com](mailto:boprow@aol.com)>)

This ride will be on a combination of a dirt fire road that goes around Liberty Reservoir and some woods trails that connect to it. The reservoir is a pretty place to ride, with views of the water while going through a mostly deciduous forest. Pack a lunch for a lunch break at a nice place along the trail. The pace will be walk/trot/canter. Depending on the number of riders, there may be a walk-only group. The footing is mostly good, although there are some rocks on the fire road, and parts of the woods trail are not well-used. There can be hikers, bike riders, and sometimes motor bikes on the fire road, so horses should be able to deal with those things. Plan to be out 2 ½ to 3 hours. Park off Deer Park Road.

### **Thursday, October 6 to Sunday, October 9 -- Chesapeake Get-Away at Fair Hill, MD**

Jacquie Cowan and the Chesapeake Plantation Walking Horse Club invite TROT members to join their long camping weekend at Fair Hill's 6000 acres of rolling countryside. Fair Hill offers large, safe stalls with field camping around the barns and motels close by. This is the Chesapeake Club's 20+ year that features lots of socializing besides riding – pumpkin carving contest, costume parade/contest, community supper around the campfire, plus miles and miles of trails. Pricing information and reservation form at <<https://cpwhclub.wordpress.com>> and scroll in "upcoming 2016 fun"; or email Jacquie at <[jacquiecowan@comcast.net](mailto:jacquiecowan@comcast.net)>.

### **Saturday, October 8 – Woodstock Equestrian Park, near Poolesville. MD**

**Contact: Janet Buck** (cell 973-768-1599); **co-leader: Marcella Morgese**

We will begin at the Moritz Greenberg Equestrian Center Main Entrance off Rt. 28 and stay on this side of the park. We ride along the edges of soybean fields to the Greenberg Challenge Loop, the Stone Barn Loop, and back. The trails are scenic, mostly flat with a few minor hills and two bridges across a small stream. No in-water crossings unless there has been recent rain. Some walkers and other riders may be encountered. Some very short rocky paths through the woods but shoes needed only for very tender-footed horses. This ride will have two groups – one walk-only and one for a faster pace group with walk/trot/short canters. Please bring sandwiches and drinks for relaxing after the ride. [See article by Derick Berlage on this park in the last newsletter.]

### **Tuesday, October 11 – Black Hill, in Montgomery County (Boys), MD**

**Contact: Grace Richards** <[graceann525@gmail.com](mailto:graceann525@gmail.com)>

Black Hill Regional Park is another previously beloved and then neglected TROT ride venue, now happily reintroduced by Grace Richards. It will be a walk-only ride for 1.5-2 hours. The trails are mostly tree covered with three bridges and some rocky areas, so for sensitive-footed, unshod horses you may want to use hoof boots. There is a Port-a-Potty but no water for your horses. Bring a chair and your lunch; Grace will bring lemonade, iced tea, apples and cookies. This is a rescheduled ride, as the earlier planned one had to be cancelled due to excessive heat.

### **Sunday, October 16 - Upper Patuxent-- from Long Corner Road in Damascus, MD**

**Contact: Mary Prowell** (<[boprow@aol.com](mailto:boprow@aol.com)>)

This will be a walk/trot/canter ride with multiple loops so different people can go different distances, returning to the trailers after each section. We will first do a 3-4 mile loop from the parking along Long Corner Road at the bridge over to the Howard County Hunt Club and back. Then we'll go down from the bridge to Mullinex Mill Road, another 1.5 miles or so. Then we will do the Mullinex Mill loop over to Rte. 94 and back (3 miles) and then back down the one-way trail to the trailers. To manage all this (about 10 miles for the full ride), it is a walk/trot/canter ride. This time of year is good to see these trails because in midsummer there can be lots of bugs. Please note that the parking we will use along the road isn't plentiful, but several trailers will fit, so be sure to sign up for the ride quickly as spaces are limited. Also, for a nice place to have a lunch, we will likely stop for a break on the Mullinex Mill loop where you can eat a sandwich if you care to bring one.

Seeing these trails should be especially interesting because plans for their improvement have been the subject of articles in recent TROT newsletters (July 2014, July 2015, January 2016 and May 2016). Many of these trail sections are currently somewhat eroded and slow. But these trails are being improved by MORE (Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts, an off-road biking group) which has financed an assessment of the trails. Volunteers from this bike club -- along with TROT's Amy Kimble -- have started this work in the Mullinex Mill loop, and TROT has helped finance a critical bridge study (see March 2016 newsletter). Trail construction should begin this year, and volunteers will be most welcome. Contact Amy Kimble (<[amyhkimble@aol.com](mailto:amyhkimble@aol.com)> or 301-748-8310).

## **Sunday, October 23 - Union Mills, Carroll County, MD**

**Contact:** Janet Whelan (<[janetwhelan@yahoo.com](mailto:janetwhelan@yahoo.com)> or 410-790-1044); co-leader: Ivy Smink

Come join this ride at Union Mills. This will be an approximately 2-2 ½ hour ride. There are stream crossings and we should be in time to see the beautiful fall foliage. This ride will be walk/trot. We will need to limit the number of horse trailers because we will be riding out from Ivy Smink's house which can accommodate approximately 6-7 trailers. After the ride, lunch will be provided back at Ivy's house. Hope you can join us.

## **Sunday, October 23 – Fall Trail Ride from Historic Mt. Victoria, St. Mary's County, MD**

Kathy Glockner, TROT's St. Mary's County Coordinator had informed us that the De La Brooke Foxhounds will offer its fall trail ride on Sunday, October 23, with a rain date of October 30. They will be riding out of historic Mt. Victoria, the home of Michael and Laura Sullivan, on private property. Registration opens at 10:30 am, and riders proceed onto the marked trail between 11 am and 12:30 pm. The cost is \$35 per adult, and \$25 for juniors, 18 years old and under. A negative Coggins test is required at time of registration. Terrain is easy to moderate, with some small hills and streams. Riders choose their own pace through woods and along cropland. Route is approximately 10 miles, with an option to return to trailers at around the halfway point.

For further info or severe weather, please call Donna Moore at 301-643-3293 or e-mail <[donna.moore727@gmail.com](mailto:donna.moore727@gmail.com)>. Directions: From 301, north of the Potomac River Bridge, turn onto Rte 257 (Cobb Island). Continue past Banks O'Dee Rd on the right, take the second driveway on the left, that is marked with white pillar. Follow signs to parking. Food will be for sale. Please bring water for your horse. Restroom facilities will be available. Please, no dogs or smoking on the trails.

## **Saturday, October 29 – Rosaryville Halloween ride, southwest of Upper Marlboro, MD**

**Contact:** Laura Colicchio (<[lavenderlady19@verizon.net](mailto:lavenderlady19@verizon.net)> or 301-856-7540)

We will be riding at the beautiful 982-acre Rosaryville State Park, southwest of Upper Marlboro in Prince George's County. The timing is scheduled so that we should be riding through spectacular fall foliage. And come in a costume! The terrain can be hilly but shoes aren't necessary. We will be riding from Laura's house that abuts the park, NOT from the main park parking area. After the ride, Laura will be hosting a delicious Bar-B-Q, so please bring something for the luncheon and a chair.

## **November**

## **Friday, November 4 to Sunday, November 5 - Tuckahoe Equestrian Center's fall weekend extravaganza**

TROT members are invited to Tuckahoe Equestrian Center's (TEC's) big fall camping/riding weekend with a huge harvest auction. TEC is a non-profit and this is annual fund raiser, to provide for the upkeep of the clubhouse, barn, arena, and trails. For more information, see the TEC Facebook page at <<https://www.facebook.com/events/201104300305850>> or contact Joyce Bell at <[wbell2@washcoll.edu](mailto:wbell2@washcoll.edu)>.

## **Saturday, Nov. 5 – NCR (North Central Railroad)/Torrey Brown trail in Freeland, MD**

**Contact:** Laura Colicchio (301-856-7540 or <[lavenderlady19@verizon.net](mailto:lavenderlady19@verizon.net)>)

The NCR trail is another treasure in our Maryland trail system that riders should get to know. It is a lovely, hard-packed dirt rails-to-trails trail, over 20 miles long in Maryland, from just north of Baltimore to the Pennsylvania line, and then continuing another 21 miles to York, PA, basically paralleling (but not close to) I-83. At many places, the trail crosses the Gunpowder Falls River, great for giving the horses a drink. We will leave from Freeland in northern Maryland and ride about 2 ½ hours, with an all-walk group and a walk/trot/(and a little canter) group. Please bring along a contribution for a potluck lunch after the ride, at a nice picnic table. This will be our third attempt at this ride this year, with the previous two cancelled due to excessive heat index.

## **Sunday, November 13 – Patapsco Park: McKeldin to Woodstock Inn -- a new ride for TROT**

**Contact:** Carolann Sharpe (410 908 5599 or <[blackandwhitecookie@yahoo.com](mailto:blackandwhitecookie@yahoo.com)>)

We will begin at the McKeldin Area of Patapsco State Park (at the very southeast edge of Carroll County, MD), which has excellent horse trailer parking and rest rooms. From here you can ride through miles and miles of multi-use trails that are well-maintained by park volunteers and members of various horse groups and offer beautiful views as you climb in and out of river valleys. These trails, which are very popular with the equestrian community, also have walkers, dogs on leashes, and bicycles, but they are very used to riders and tend to be respectful. Our ride will also have two water crossings and a railroad track crossing in each direction. Shoes needed only for tender-footed horses.

We will ride to the Woodstock Inn in Woodstock, MD (located in Patapsco State Park between Baltimore and Howard Counties) a favorite watering hole of horseback riders, where we will take a break for the riders to buy lunch -- please remember that TROT rides are alcohol-free. The Woodstock Inn has hitching posts designated "Horse and Mule Parking Only", and the wait staff will sometimes add a few carrots to your wing order. However, the Woodstock Inn is also a favorite spot for motorcycle riders who can be close to the hitching posts. There is also a freight train line that runs alongside the parking lot, and if a train should pass while we are there, the uninitiated horses might appreciate a little extra support due to the loudness. Happily, there are outside picnic tables if you want to eat with your horse. [Doing this ride was discussed extensively on the TROT ... *[continued on next page]*

and the Maryland Trail Riders Yahoo list-serves, with the strong consensus that the charm of this ride is well worth the chance of train noise, noting that the horses who are already familiar with train noise will calm those who have not encountered it before.] The ride is 1 ½ hour each way at a nice slow walk. If desired, for the return trip some of the riders can form a walk-trot group whose return from the Woodstock Inn will take about 30-40 minutes. So in total the day should be 4-5 hours of horse fun.

### **Saturday November 19 - Anacostia Park Ride, starting in College Park, MD**

**Contact: John Angevine (301-937-0014)**

A favorite TROT ride to close TROT's organized trail riding season. This is a fantastic ride with many special views, including the Lincoln Cemetery and Bladensburg Waterfront! We will travel along the Anacostia River on a very nice path, traversing over and under bridges and roads, passing playgrounds and outdoor workout equipment. A great ride to give green horses experience with hikers, bikers, dogs, and strollers.

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**TROT welcomes links from other trail riding groups to their ride calendars for inclusion in our newsletter.**

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## **TROT WAS A FAVORITE AT LITTLE BENNETT'S GREAT OUTDOOR FESTIVAL**

*Info from Pat Oliva and Deneen Martin*

TROT was invited by Dave Williams, the manager of Little Bennett Park and campground in Montgomery County, MD, to their "Great Outdoors Festival" on Saturday, August 20, 2016. The event was to promote Little Bennett's camping facilities and many outdoor activities available in the county and attracted a large crowd. Pat Oliva and Deneen Martin kindly ran a TROT booth.

Pat Oliva, endurance riding legend, brought her camping rig and two beautiful Arabian endurance horses, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Pat had also made and brought along a TROT "race track", complete with stick horses to ride, which was a huge hit with both the kids and parents. It was a wonderful event with numerous inquiries about TROT and our mission to preserve, maintain and create new trails.

What a fantastic way to promote TROT to an outdoors-oriented public! **Thank you, Pat and Deneen!**



*photos from Pat Oliva*

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## **Riding Vests aren't Pretty or Comfortable, but They're Worth the Trouble** *from Kathy Lipton*

I purchased a protective riding vest several years ago after my cousin broke his back when he fell from his horse and landed on a rock. He's fully recovered and riding again, but not without a protective vest.

I credit my vest with saving me from serious injury in two falls from my horse. In the first instance, I fell on my side hard enough to break a toe even though I was wearing boots. I'm certain I would have broken one or more ribs if not for my vest, but instead of needing to call an ambulance, I was able to mount up again and continue the ride. More recently, we were preparing to cross a creek when my horse got too close to a tree. I leaned to avoid the tree and the saddle slipped, and I landed in the creek on my back on a rock. Unlike my (vest-less) cousin, however, the vest protected my spine and I came away with only a bruised tailbone and soggy attire. For older riders like myself, particularly those with osteoporosis, wearing a protective vest is as essential as a riding helmet to prevent serious injuries.

Fit, style, comfort and price are the factors to consider when purchasing a vest. An article in *Horse Journal* provides excellent information and product reviews.: <<http://horse-journal.com/article/heres-choose-body-protector-25128>>. See also <<https://equinewellnessmagazine.com/importance-body-protector/>>.



The May 2016 newsletter began with Mary Prowell's great idea of featuring riding trails along the Patuxent River, the longest river in Maryland. It included Mary's article on the most upstream portion, the section of Patuxent River State Park west of Rt 94/Annapolis Rock/Woodbine Rd (upper left half of the map on the right), which provided a GPS map and description of a trail in that area, so you could ride it on your own.

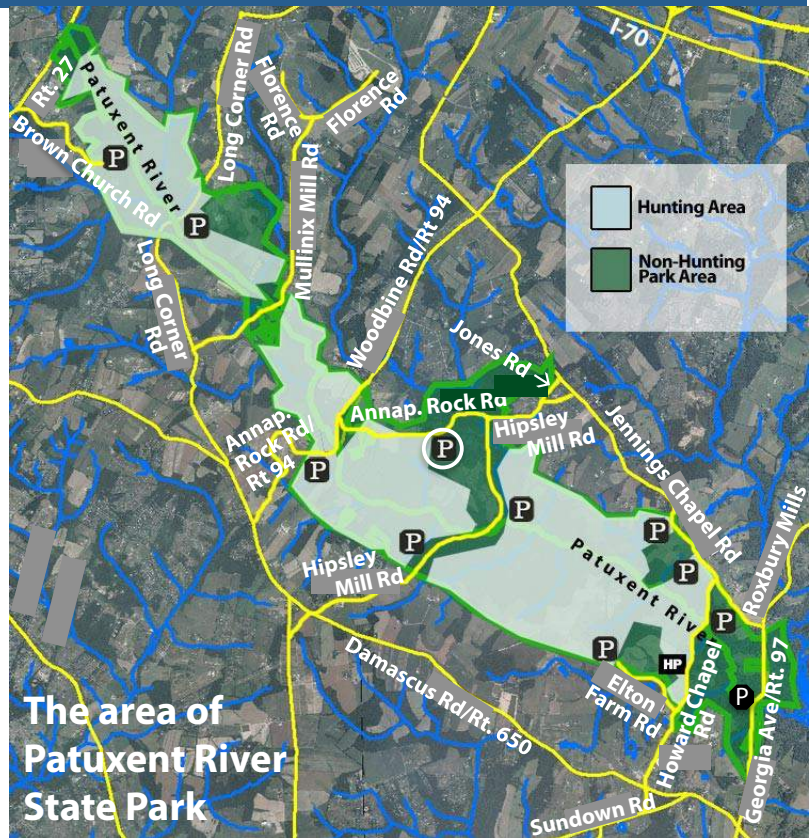
This article will focus on the downstream portion of Patuxent River State Park -- the area southeast of Rt 94 (the lower right half of the map on the right). It is northeast of Damascus Rd (Rt 108/Rt 650), southwest of Jennings Chapel Rd and northwest of Georgia Ave/Rt 97. Going from Rt 94/Annapolis Rock Rd/Woodbine Rd to Georgia Ave/Rt 97, this portion of the park is crossed by Hipsley Mill Rd and Howard Chapel Rd. Because this is a large, primitive area with no trail markers, this article only provides a general description of the area. If you'd be interested in riding these trails, please feel free to contact me (<[cat.home@verizon.net](mailto:cat.home@verizon.net)>, 301-928-5243).

The Patuxent River State Park is over 6,700 acres (wow, that's big!) flanking the upper 12 miles of the Patuxent River. The area northeast of the river is in Howard County, while the area southwest of the river is in Montgomery County. The park consists of natural areas, mainly forests and some farmlands, and people primarily use the park for fishing, hiking, horseback riding, and hunting (in season). The paths are unmarked and are not maintained by the park-- so it is important to trim and remove branches when you ride there. There are several parking areas that can accommodate horse trailers and provide direct access to the park. Many TROT riders are familiar with the large parking area on Annapolis Rock Road (off of Rt. 94; circled on the map on the right) that fits 10-15 horse trailers. There is also a large parking area just off Rt 97 (Georgia Ave at the bridge), plus several that can fit one to three horse trailers: on Brown's Church Road, Long Corner Rd, Mullinix Mill Rd, Route 94 (Annapolis Rock Rd/Woodbine Rd), Howard Chapel Rd. Other trail riding organizations and the Howard County Iron Bridge Hounds frequently meet there.

Trail maintenance varies depending on how many people use the trails and if they help clear. The area is surrounded by two fox hunting groups: Goshen Hounds have their kennels in Montgomery County off Damascus Rd (Rt 650) near Tusculum Farm, and the Howard County Iron Bridge Hounds kennel is west of Rt 94 bordering the park but they frequently ride out of two farms off of Jennings Chapel Rd into the park. Every fall the hunt clubs clear many of the trails with bush hogs, and then the trails are fabulous to ride! Because the hunts frequently ride in this area, it's best to call them ahead of time to find out where they plan to meet, to not interfere with their fun or yours. In summer, the trails tend to be very overgrown and can be hard to navigate. My husband Kent Middlekauff and I have adopted many of the trails around the Jennings Chapel Rd area and work hard to keep them open (yes we will report our hours to Amy Kimble!) This is also a prime hunting area for deer, dove, turkey, squirrel etc., so during hunting season please check the DNR website for the hunting schedule and be courteous to our fellow hunters. We put bear bells on our horses year round to scare off deer ahead of us (to prevent our horses spooking) and alert hunters to our presence.

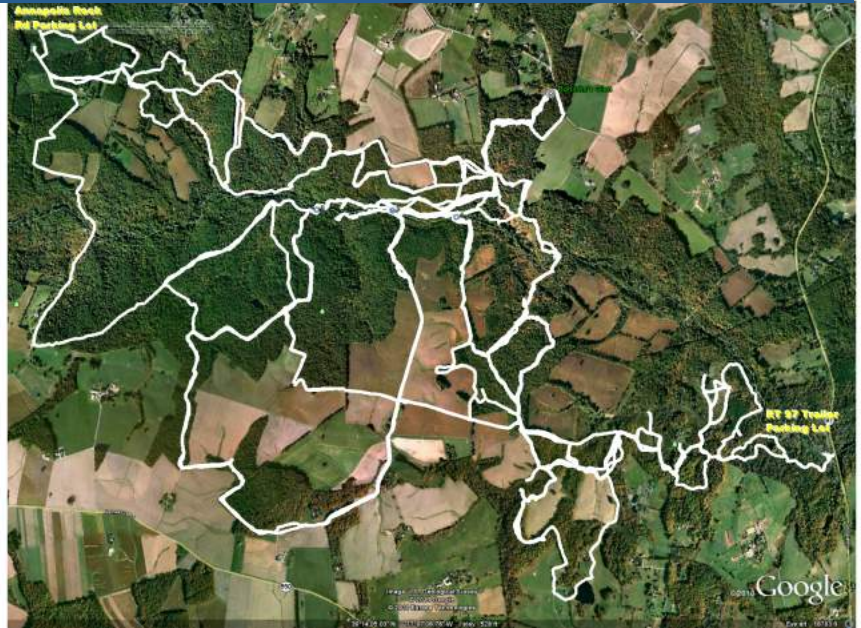
There is quite a variety of trails in this section of the park between Rt 94 and Rt 97. The land follows the river and is low lying along the river with hills on both sides. There are trails that follow the river and cross the river at several points, but we frequently find these trails wet and boggy and then avoid them. There are also many trails higher up on the hills in the park that also parallel the river on both sides and these tend to stay dry. West of Hipsley Mill Rd, the river splits into the main Patuxent River and Cabin Branch, which can make it confusing to know which body of water you're following. On the next page is a map of trails that we've ridden; it shows the variety of trails in this section but it is not to easy to followed as a trail map.

On the Montgomery County side of the river near the Goshen Hounds, the trails are mostly around fields and tend to be pretty flat and easy going toward Elton Farm Parking Lot and behind Waredaca. The trails go east all the way to Rt 97/Georgia Ave to a large parking area. At this time of year, the trails may be overgrown. There are trails that also go west along the hills toward the Annapolis Rock Road parking area. They cross Hipsley Mill over the Patuxent River into Howard County where there are some nice orchards that are mowed. During the spring, they are a great place to see woodcocks during their evening mating ritual -- a sight to behold! We call that orchard the Woodcock Orchard.



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On the Howard County side, several of the trails around the Annapolis Rock parking area are mowed by a tenant who leases a house from the park. The trails in this area provide a variety of venues from many trails through lovely pine forests to mature woods and a gas line that can take you down to the Patuxent River. At one time the trail connected all the way to a small parking lot along Annapolis Rock Rd (Rt 94) along the Patuxent River but I don't know if those trails are passable at this time. Directly across from the Annapolis Rock Rd parking area is a nice loop trail along the Cabin Branch that brings you out onto Annapolis Rock Rd further east. You then take a left along Annapolis Rock Rd to access a trail across the road to go back to the parking lot.



This map shows the variety of trails from Rt 97/Georgia Ave to the Annapolis Rock Rd Parking area. It is not intended to be followed easily as a trail map

Heading east, after crossing Hipsley Mill Rd and Cabin Branch, are two long fields that are fun to go around but often have very long grass, not mowed. The trails continue east to the parking areas on Jennings Chapel Rd and are bordered on the north by private farms and on the south by the river.

Because of the wide variety and number of trails in this section of park, I highly recommend you go with someone familiar with the park the first time. Check the TROT website for scheduled trails rides or contact me at <[cat.home@verizon.net](mailto:cat.home@verizon.net)> to ride together.

## COUNTY/AREA COORDINATOR REPORTS

### Baltimore County

from Priscilla Huffman

**Gunpowder VMP's in state fair parade:** Six of our Gunpowder Falls State Park Volunteer Mounted Patrol paraded in full uniform on Sunday, August 28 in the first Maryland State Fair parade in 35 years. The parade route went along the track in front of the grandstands. At the front of the VMP team was flag bearer Jean Swartz. Riders were Suzanne Dobson, Kate Dudley, Karen Ferris, Scott Nickel, and Dan Wise. This was the team's first experience riding in a parade together, a great opportunity to promote VMP's. Congratulations! Many thanks to DNR, especially Andrea Townsley-Sapp, the supervising ranger for the VMP group, for their support.

right to left. Jean Swartz, Suzanne Dobson, Scott Nickels, Dan Wise, Kate Dudley



**Trail clearing update:** Close to 14 total hours of trail clearing time were contributed last month on several different outings by Wendy Bohner, Carrie Gittings, Priscilla Huffman, Monika Munn, Donna O'Brien and John O'Brien. A popular section of the Gunpowder South trail along the river had a tree down covering the trail. After a few hours with hand saws and pruners, the volunteers made the trail passable again. In another area, two downed trees blocking the Bunker Hill trail were quickly removed under the supervision of our park ranger, Jen Cashell.

### Howard County

from Pat Oliva

The Lisbon Christmas Parade TROT group has had their entries in but I have not heard back from them yet. We have twelve members who said they mailed their entry in and four new members who will join in October. We should hear soon if we are accepted. This year each person had to register separately and they will only accept 170 riders in all.

Wendy Emblin and I attended another meeting for what citizens want in Howard County's park system. Again it was by the paid consultants. We are working on getting the park involved in a continuing trail system. There is a proposed trail through the new development of Walkers Meadow, which is a major step forward, but the plans have not been approved yet. Many thanks to Wendy, Tony and Susan. Benson Branch is still in limbo but this was not the time to address it.

Finally, after 18 months of meetings, the DNR has approved a network of trails and parking areas in the Frederick Watershed.

## SUMMARY OF TROT BOARD MEETINGS

from Jean McKay, TROT secretary

### July 5, 2016 TROT Board meeting held at home of Gale Monahan

**Participants:** Gale Monahan (President), Janet Whelan (Treasurer), Jean McKay (Secretary), Terry Ledley (Board Member), Laury Lobel (Board Member), Pat Oliva (Board Member), Barbara Sollner-Webb (Board Member), Jenn Poole.

Treasurer's report presented and accepted; June Board meeting minutes approved as amended

Debby Poole reported via e-mail on the successful trail obstacle clinic conducted by Scott Purdum Advantage Horsemanship, on June 24; TROT plans to hold a similar clinic with Scott Purdum in early fall.

A "Volunteers Needed" section has been added to the TROT newsletter to alert members of opportunities to volunteer for a variety of TROT-sponsored activities.

A trail apps user group meeting will be scheduled in the fall to share experiences and knowledge about using the Easy Trails app and other apps for trail mapping and information sharing; also in the fall, the DNR plans to roll out the new maps of all the Gunpowder Falls Park trails (submitted by Priscilla Huffman, TROT Baltimore County Coordinator).

TROT Annual meeting will be held March 4, 2017; volunteers are needed for a committee to plan the meeting and silent auction – Contact Gale Monahan at (301) 854-3852 or <[gail.email2@gmail.com](mailto:gail.email2@gmail.com)>.

The September 6, 2016 TROT Board meeting, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, is to be at the home of Nancy Osgood and Sim Shanks; participation by conference call also available; all are welcome. [There will not be an August board meeting.]

## OFFER OF FREE HORSE TO THE RIGHT FOREVER HOME

from Lisa and Matt May

**Grace** is a TB mare who never raced and is built like a solid quarter horse. She's sweet and easy to get along with: will stand for hours dozing in cross ties and loves being groomed and loved. Baths, clippers, farrier, even hot fitting shoes is all a yawn for her. She ground ties, loves horse cookies, and food in general. She is an easy keeper and is happy living outdoors in the mid-Atlantic year round with shelter/ light winter coat in rainy weather. She loves trail riding and is calm in work with obstacles. She graduated from Rick Pelicano's Bomb Proofing clinic as one of the few that handled all the challenges (walking on mattresses, rocking bridge, through fireworks, plastic bottles, smoke bombs, gunfire and more). She can open gates properly, drag logs, isn't afraid of branches or rain slickers and has done all the typical American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA) obstacles. She competed in two ACTHA rides placing first and second.

She is very smooth: can boogie at the walk if you want her to and her trot is almost bareback holding-a-glass-of-water-smooth. She neck reins, goes English or Western, prefers an Indian Hackamore over a snaffle and is responsive to the leg: she will go frontwards, backwards, sideways and diagonally - for navigating obstacles. However, she is a survivor of trauma inflicted by a "dressage trainer" who was, in truth, a horse abuser, and as a result is not happy with arena work. Also, due to her abuse history she is not a beginner horse and needs one rider whose consistency she can come to trust. She is 16 years old, 15.2 H, 1100 lbs, and needs front shoes. No illness or unsoundness in the 9 year history that we've known her.

If you know anyone who might give her a suitable forever home, please contact us 410-754-9141 or <[idywild@dmv.com](mailto:idywild@dmv.com)>. No horse trainers or horse dealers please. References required.



## REQUEST FOR NEWSLETTER INFORMATION and PHOTOS – Please!

To provide up-to-date information on trail riding and trail maintenance activities, TROT needs YOUR help! Useful horse-related information or ideas? Changes to riding venues? New riding or horse camping areas? Relevant legislation? Articles/anecdotes/stories you feel will interest TROT members? **PLEASE** inform the newsletter editor at 301-604-5619 or <[bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu)>!

## UP-TO-DATE INFO ON TROT ACTIVITIES

### TROT website:

[www.trot-md.org](http://www.trot-md.org) Harold Goldstein, Webmaster

### TROT Newsletter:

current and older issues:

[www.trot-md.org/newsletters.php](http://www.trot-md.org/newsletters.php)

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### Maryland Trail Riders Yahoo group (and to join):

<https://groups.yahoo.com/group/MarylandTrailRiders/info>

### TROT Yahoo group (and to join):

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/TROT-Members/info>

### Facebook page

TROT Trail Riders of Today

[www.facebook.com/groups/127953560568829/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/127953560568829/)

## HORSE TRAILS MAP – Your help is needed!

Ross Peddicord of the Maryland Horse Industry Board, in conjunction with TROT members Ron MacNab, Priscilla Huffman and many others, have produced a WONDERFUL map of Maryland horse trails plus other useful horse information for you to use and share with your riding buddies. This map is now available online at <http://www.mda.maryland.gov/horseboard/Documents/HorseTrails.pdf> and was handed out at TROT's Annual Dinner last March.

Before re-printing the map, Ross is asking TROT members to help him identify any errors/omissions. Please check if any trails that you know of are missing or have incorrect information. Send this information to [bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu) to compile and forward to Ross. Thank you for your help in making this trail map as accurate and up-to-date as possible!

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Please volunteer as coordinator from the other Maryland counties

## TROT's MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please encourage your equestrian friends to join TROT. The membership form and information on how to join, by check or PayPal, are at <http://www.trot-md.org/membership.php>, and the membership form is also in the January TROT newsletter.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

from Sim Shanks

Cheryl Lee Monroe, Frederick, MD

## HOW TO ACCESS YOUR LICENSE NUMBER AND PERMITS

from Debby Poole

I keep a picture of my truck tag and my WSSC permit in my phone. So when we are at North Tract and need to write down my tag number I have it on my phone (it also helps when you are someplace and they announce a car has their lights on or is parked in the wrong place and will be towed!!). Or if a WSSC officer ever asked for my permit, it is handy on the phone.



## TRAIL GUIDES

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

**Benson Branch Park** (between Folly Quarter Road and Tridelphia Road, Ellicott City, MD) Sandy Brewer [sandbrewer@aol.com](mailto:sandbrewer@aol.com)

**Codorus Park** (Hanover, PA) Ivy Smink [smink.ivy@gmail.com](mailto:smink.ivy@gmail.com) (410) 875-5691

**Gunpowder Falls State Park** (Harford County MD) Joyce Browning (410) 557-6165 / (443) 966-0249

**Liberty Reservoir** (off Deer Park Road, Baltimore County, MD) Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691 or [smink.ivy@gmail.com](mailto:smink.ivy@gmail.com)

**Little Bennett** (Clarksburg, MD) Jim and Maureen Henry (301) 676- 5298

**Morgan Run** (Carroll County, MD) Sue Donaldson [swdonaldson@comcast.net](mailto:swdonaldson@comcast.net) or Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691, [smink.ivy@gmail.com](mailto:smink.ivy@gmail.com)

**North Tract of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge** (Laurel, MD) Barbara Sollner-Webb [bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu) or (301) 604-5619

**Patuxent River State Park** (Montgomery County side, MD) Laury Lobel (301) 774-9595 or [laurylobel@verizon.net](mailto:laurylobel@verizon.net)

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**Rachel Carson Conservation Park** (Brookeville, MD) Laury Lobel (301) 774-9595 or [laurylobel@verizon.net](mailto:laurylobel@verizon.net)

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**\*\*\* If your favorite trail is not listed and you would be willing to occasionally show it to others, please contact Barbara Sollner-Webb (<[bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu)>, 301-604-5619) to join this list of generous volunteers. \*\*\***

## CLASSIFIED ADS:

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**TROT Members** can place one 100 word or business card-size ad in each issue of the newsletter! It will run for one issue unless you notify the editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before the next newsletter is dated, if you want it run again in a subsequent issue. If TROT members want to run a larger ad, they get that \$6 off its rate (listed below).

#### Ad rates for non-members and larger ads:

100 words	\$6.00 (each additional word - \$0.10)
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Full page ad	\$75

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## SPECIAL THANKS!!!

from Barbara Sollner-Webb, newsletter editor

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