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Some of those enjoying the camaraderie at last year's annual dinner

## COME TO TROT'S ANNUAL DINNER/SILENT AUCTION from Nancy Osgood & Jean Cooper, Annual Dinner co-chairs

**What? ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER MEETING**

**When? Saturday, February 24, 2018, 6:00 PM**

**Where? Howard County Fairgrounds, Dining Hall Bldg. (directions on page 2; follow TROT signs)**

**Who? All welcome! Bring your family, friends, and riding buddies!**

Plan to attend our annual potluck dinner meeting. The evening will include a delicious dinner, an update on TROT's activities and accomplishments, and a short technical presentation by an excellent equine ophthalmologist. A perfect opportunity to network with other riders, meet new riding buddies, and talk horse talk!

Please bring a dish to share, according to the first letter of your last name:

A - L Main dish      M - Z Salad or side dish

Potluck contributions should be readily dividable (or already divided) into serving portions sufficient for 6-8 hungry riders! Our set-up volunteers will bring appetizers, and TROT will provide dessert (see photo) and beverages.



[traditional TROT cake]

**THERE IS ALSO OUR TRADITIONAL SILENT AUCTION.** Come get bargains!

And consider donating tack or barn supplies in new or gently used condition for our silent auction. Do you offer horse-related services or products that you could donate to the auction? If so, bring a service notice. For pickup of donations in advance, please contact Barbara Sollner-Webb (<[bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu)> or 301-604-3852). Please contact local tack shops for donations but first read the instructions on page 2; they store will get a free advertisement in the upcoming TROT Newsletter). All proceeds go to TROT's ongoing mission of supporting sustainable trails. To volunteer to help with the silent auction, please contact Barbara. No experience necessary!

**IMPORTANT: Weather cancellation.** Should the prediction be for bad weather that could make travel unsafe, the event will be cancelled. If in doubt, please check the TROT website (<[www.TROT-MD.org](http://www.TROT-MD.org)>), the TROT Facebook page, or call the TROT President, Gale Monahan (301-854-3852) for an update.

## TIMONIUM'S HORSE WORLD EXPO (Jan. 19-21) CANCELLED, but see other options

We just learned that at the MD fairgrounds in Timonium, in place of the Expo, the Maryland Horse Industry Board will host an EQUUS Film Festival there on Friday, January 19, 4-10 PM and Saturday, January 20, 10 AM-4 PM. \$20/day. Contact Anne Litz at <[anne.litz@maryland.gov](mailto:anne.litz@maryland.gov)> or see <<http://mdhorsecouncil.org/mhc-news/item/245-maryland-horse-industry-board-hosting-equus-film-festival-january-19-20-event-will-replace-cancelled-horse-world-expo>> for more info. [Thanks, Jacquie, for the heads-up!]

Also, do go enjoy the much larger and more vibrant Horse World Expo in Harrisburg, PA (at the Farm Show Complex) March 1-4. See <<http://www.horseworldexpo.com/pa-show/>> for more information.

## continued from page 1 -- TROT's ANNUAL DINNER/SILENT AUCTION

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-70, go south on Rt 32, in 0.2 mi go west on Rt 144, in 0.7 mi go right on Fairground Rd and follow "TROT" signs. Or use your GPS to Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairground Road, West Friendship, MD.

**PLEASE HELP THE TROT SILENT AUCTION BY ASKING YOUR FAVORITE TACK STORE FOR A DONATION:** It would be super if all TROT members would contact their favorite tack store, asking them for a donation to the silent auction. These establishments will get a free advertisement in an upcoming TROT Newsletter and will be provided a letter attesting that their donation is tax deductible. Before you go to a tack store to ask for a donation, **PLEASE confirm that no one else has already contacted that establishment**, either by opening and filling out the form on GoogleDocs at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zqz6kYPaeuexCzrZ3ax4MrqNZJ0itzPRWflm9Y7VwnU/edit?ts=5a367d32#gid=0> or by checking with Barbara Sollner-Webb (301-604-5619 or [bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu)). This is important so that stores do not get multiple requests.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Gale Monahan

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. It is now time for all of us TROT members to go through all our tack and other horse supplies, to see what we might donate to the TROT annual silent auction. Please make sure that those items are new or only gently used. If you have a product or service you could offer, consider donating. All proceeds go to TROT's mission.

Also concerning the Annual Dinner on February 24th, I am very excited to have Dr. Catherine Nunnery as our guest speaker. Dr. Nunnery is an Equine Ophthalmologist who is well known in the area and used by many of our local vets. She is one of a few board certified veterinary ophthalmologists in the entire country who solely practice on equines and the only one in the Mid-Atlantic region. Come listen to her presentation and participate in the Q&A afterward.

Also, take a look at our new website if you haven't already. Susan Montgomery has been working very hard and is developing an interactive map of trails. There is still more work to do but, what we have so far is really exciting. Thank you so much Susan.

Remember, TROT is your organization, a volunteer organization that belongs to every member. Without its volunteers, TROT would not have lasted these past 38 years. So get involved, lead a trail ride, volunteer at one of the many trail clearing days, come to a meeting, help at the annual meeting/pot luck, volunteer to work at or put on a clinic or a judged or non-judged trail ride.

## TROT WELCOMES OUR NEW FREDERICK CO. COORDINATOR, LEAH MACK!



Leah Mack is a TROT board member, homeschooling mom of two children and ecological farmer producing pastured beef and eggs near Libertytown in eastern Frederick County. She loves to ride her TN walker and ponies, preferably with her kids or friends and especially in new places. Leah is looking forward to meeting and working with other Frederick County TROT members. Any questions or concerns related to Frederick trails, please contact Leah at [1ecofarmer@gmail.com](mailto:1ecofarmer@gmail.com). (from Leah)

## TROT WELCOMES A NEW LOGOWEAR GURU, CAROLANN SHARPE!

Hi TROT Family. I am Carolann, a Special Educator in Baltimore County, riding instructor in training with PATH, mother of four sons, wife to a police officer for 27 years. I have been riding 14 years since a 17.2 thoroughbred changed my life. I love riding the Carroll County and Baltimore County trails and am excited to help promote our fantastic club by caring for and promoting our logowear. Thank you. If you want to get logowear (see items in Nov. 2017 TROT newsletter), contact me ([blackandwhitecookie@yahoo.com](mailto:blackandwhitecookie@yahoo.com)). (from Carolann)



**Thanks for stepping up to these important positions, Leah and Carolann!**

## IMPORTANT CARROLL COUNTY AREA RIDER GET-TOGETHER ON JAN. 20, 5 PM

See the report from Stephanie Brennan, TROT's wonderful new Carroll County Coordinator, on page 9 below, for your invitation to a meet-and-greet – with food! – for TROT and Carroll County Equestrian Council members.

**Editor's note: Thanks, Stephanie, for energizing TROT's presence in Carroll County!**

# SUNDAY HUNTING, AGAIN! -- part of trail care is keeping trails safe for use

from Jacquie Cowan, Maryland Horse Council Legislative Committee and our TROT Liaison

## NSSF SETS SIGHTS ON EXPANDING SUNDAY HUNTING

The Maryland Horse Council Legislative Committee (MHCLC) has been made aware of a new bill by the National Sport Shooting Foundation (NSSF) that proposes to repeal most of the former legislation regarding hunting on Sundays and replace with new wording to allow hunting on:

**All Sundays**                      **All game species**                      **All seasons (which can mean almost all year) !**

The deer and turkey seasons alone run from early September to late May. In the bill, a few Sundays during the deer firearms and muzzleloader seasons will be subject to the "10:30 rule" that requires hunters to be finished by 10:30 AM. All other Sundays through the year will be all day from sunrise to sunset.

This bill is primarily about private properties, but can include public lands in western Maryland. It could open the door for other public lands and parks.

**Why should private lands concern us?** About 90% of respondents to a MHC survey taken last year said they are recreational riders; 76% utilize trails on private lands. They are concerned about crossing hunted private lands to get to public lands not hunted and that our public parks are bordered by private lands that may be hunted. This prompts questions like:



clip-art  
from  
Jacquie

- \* Do you know which piece of property you pass through is hunted and when?
- \* Do arrows and bullets know to stop at the property lines?
- \* Does everyone have time or a trailer to drive to safer riding areas?
- \* Are boarding facilities (as well as backyard barns) in jeopardy without access to safe trails?
- \* Will the continued encroachment open the door to expansion into public lands?

Several popular trail networks come to mind that that could be further impacted, including boarding farms riding trails to the C&O Canal. Anne Arundel County has very few public trails and we rely on a network of trails that criss-cross through private woods, power lines and roads from one boarding farm to another. And public parks like Morgan Run and Rosaryville are actively hunted within sight of the perimeter trails. **[Editor's note: our State Delegate Ben Barnes reports about hiking in a public park and a bullet from the adjoining private land whizzing by his head!]**

**Maryland horses are a 1.6 billion dollar industry** with more horses per square mile than any other state. No wonder folks ask "why can't we have one day of the week free of hunting?" This is a matter of equity for all to enjoy the outdoors, whether it be riding, hiking, biking, walking your dog, or just enjoying your own backyard.

### **The TROT Board of Directors voted this month to oppose any expansion of Sunday Hunting.**

MHC President Neil Agate says "None of us want Sunday hunting but this has been an uphill battle for years and the Horse Council and other horse organizations have spent most of our legislative resources on this one issue over the last decade. This is why the Horse Council has supported the compromise of allowing hunting until 10:30 on limited firearm Sundays." The MHCLC has begun its work to strongly oppose this new and much more expansive bill by meeting with Maryland State legislative leaders. Senate President Mike Miller offered his favorable support to MHC Committee members in a recent meeting.

**So what can you do to make a difference?** Tell your representatives how you feel via email, phone or personal visit. Sit in on hearings even if you don't want to say a word — numbers in the room count! Join the MHC Legislative Committee. Share your opinion and stories with Jacquie (<[jacquiecowan@comcast.net](mailto:jacquiecowan@comcast.net)>). Watch what is happening at your County administration level too. Talk to your friends, family and neighbors and encourage them to do the same.

### **Contacts & Resources:**

- To find your state delegate and senators, use : <<http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/qadel.html>>.
- DNR Hunting Regulations and Calendar: <[http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Documents/Hunting\\_Seasons\\_Calendar.pdf](http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Documents/Hunting_Seasons_Calendar.pdf)>
- For more info contact members of the MHC Legislative Committee, Jacquie Cowan <[jacquiecowan@comcast.net](mailto:jacquiecowan@comcast.net)> or Jane Seigler <[Seigler.jane@gmail.com](mailto:Seigler.jane@gmail.com)>.

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Jacquie also sent to the TROT board additional hunting bills of concern. House Bill 119 would add Calvert County to list of counties (St. Mary's and Charles) that permit firearms "to hunt deer throughout the year" and in all locations, including on state land. Another hunting bill, that has not yet been introduced as of the preparation of this newsletter, applies to Howard County (<[https://www.howardcountymd.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=iA4ipA\\_fRU=&portalid=0](https://www.howardcountymd.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=iA4ipA_fRU=&portalid=0)>) and would allow hunting on all Sundays in deer season (although it seems ambiguously written whether all day or ending at 10:30 AM on most Sundays). People who live or ride in Calvert County or Howard County and are concerned, contact appropriate state delegates and senators (see URL above), or contact Jacquie for more information (contact info above).



## TRAIL MAPPING FEEDBACK NEEDED – PLEASE!

Susan Montgomery, TROT's website guru, has been working hard to construct a new and greatly improved trail mapping section on TROT's website. For this, in past newsletters she has requested your mapping info and photos, and she would still welcome it. This trail site is a work in progress, but please go check it out at <http://trot-md.org/trail-directory/> and give feedback on anything you see that could be improved as well as to add data (see Susan's write-up, below, for specifics).

Unfortunately, in changing from TROT's old website to TROT's new website, the sizable amount of trail mapping data that had been accumulated on the trails portion of this website over the years, including lots of GPS maps and GPX files, somehow got lost. Should anyone have a copy of any of that material or know how to recover it, we would greatly appreciate if you would contact Susan Montgomery at [shadowsrider@yahoo.com](mailto:shadowsrider@yahoo.com) or Barbara Sollner-Webb at [bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu).

### Trail Mapping Section of the New TROT Website *from Susan Montgomery, TROT's web guru*

Hints for navigating this trail mapping site that is being constructed, at <http://trot-md.org/trail-directory/>:

- To open the map full size, click the brackets in the upper right.
- Once the map is open, there is a left menu. Click the three dots in the upper right of the menu, and you can collapse it, print it, or download KML.
- Clicking the up or down arrow at 'all items' on the menu will expand or collapse the alphabetical list of all the parks.
- Clicking on a map icon will cause a left menu with brief information to come up.
- Click on the red arrow (top right) on the trail info and you will automatically be taken to Google maps for directions.
- All other functions are the same as Google maps.

The pages on the website still need data, and that will take time and a lot of input from everyone. If everyone can check the page for the parks they ride, make yourself a copy of the info there and update or add to it and then send it to me (at [shadowsrider@yahoo.com](mailto:shadowsrider@yahoo.com)), that would be fabulous! I will be adding David's GPX and KML files (see below). We need from you:

- Photos for each park
  - Trail descriptions, tips, any information another rider would need for each park.
  - Corrections - in many places I was using info from park websites, and as we know, they are often incorrect or incomplete.
  - Trail ratings
- Thanks for your help!

***And thanks so much, Susan!***

### Also Please Check Out Great Trail Mapping at [MontgomeryRides.com](http://MontgomeryRides.com)

In almost an embarrassment of riches, as the trail mapping portion of the new TROT website was being developed, TROT member Dave Stang [zipcodezoo.com@gmail.com](mailto:zipcodezoo.com@gmail.com) contacted TROT that he is busy riding and mapping trails and constructing a trails mapping website; and he kindly offered it and/or its data to TROT. While Dave's website is called [MontgomeryRides.com](http://MontgomeryRides.com), a quick look at this site shows that in addition to many scores of trails in Montgomery County, it also includes many scores of trails in other Maryland counties, as well as in neighboring states. Dave says his goal is to ride and map all public equestrian trails in Maryland in 2018, on his mule, Freckles! [While that may sound lofty, look at how many trails he has mapped in just a short time.] David also reports that he now has a 360Fly -- a 360 degree camera that you can mount on your helmet -- so he plans to add photos from his rides to the maps that the rides generate.

The idea is not that Dave's and Susan's website would compete with each other but that their data could be integrated or seamlessly cross-linked. Dave and Susan are working to try to figure out how to best do this, to generate the easiest to manipulate, easiest to update, and most useful and comprehensive set of trails maps and GPX files to download onto your smartphone, for TROT members and non-TROT members alike. Any comments or ideas on that would be most appreciated!

## COME TO MARYLAND HORSE DAY, in Annapolis, Jan. 30 *from Jacquie Cowan*

Having personal contact with ones legislators is very important in advancing through the state government most anything one cares about – and for us, that is horses and trail riding venues. The Maryland Horse Council (that endeavors to represent all horse interests in Maryland and in which TROT is a member) has arranged a special day in Annapolis, for equestrians to have their voices heard by their elected officials. It is on Tuesday, January 30 (see <http://www.mdhorsecouncil.org/mhc-news/item/239-maryland-horse-industry-day-2018>). PLEASE DO COME OUT TO THIS IMPORTANT EVENT! The tentative schedule is:

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|--|---|
| 7:30-8 AM: Registration, coffee & snacks;  | 8 AM-1 PM: Meetings with legislators (pre-scheduled, and drop-ins); |
| 10-11:30 AM: Panel discussions and awards; | 11:30-1 PM: Lunch with legislators & salutations                    |

RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/maryland-horse-industry-day-2018-tickets-39581716981>. Assemble at the Miller Senate Office Building(11 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD).

## TRAIL WORK and TRAIL SERVICE

### Amy Challenges TROT Members To Two Hours Of Trailwork This Year

To encourage riders in TROT's mission of maintaining sustainable trails, Amy Kimble, TROT's Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator, is again challenging each TROT member to do at least two hours of trail work this year (such as breaking branches and clipping vines while you ride). Please report your name, hours and location to Amy (text to 301-748-8310 or email to <[Amyhkimble@aol.com](mailto:Amyhkimble@aol.com)>) so she can include your hours in the total she reports to the parks officials. This is really useful because these hours help to get increased funding for the parks. In 2017, TROT members reported over 160 hours – lets do more in 2018!

### Do Trailwork On Your Own, Or Join A Workday – some already scheduled:

#### Saturday, February 3rd on the Torrey C. Brown Trail (NCR Trail)

Priscilla Huffman kindly forwarded a notice from Park Ranger Andrea Townsley-Sapp, from Gunpowder Falls State Park, about a trail work day on Saturday, February 3 from 9 AM to noon, on the Torrey C. Brown trail. Meet at the "Paper Mill parking lot", which is the large parking area often referred to as the Ashland Rd lot (1300 Paper Mill Rd., Cockysville). The goal is to trim branches and remove invasives; all tools and gloves will be provided but wear sufficiently warm clothes. This event is being coordinated with the Maryland Conservation Corps. Please sign up with Andrea (<[andrea.townsley-sapp@maryland.gov](mailto:andrea.townsley-sapp@maryland.gov)> or 443-252-1141), so she can contact you in case the event must be cancelled for inclement weather.



#### Mark Your Calendars for Future Workdays in Patapsco Valley State Park

Priscilla Huffman also kindly forwarded a notice from Patapsco Valley State Park about future workdays to remove invasives, following a short ranger-led discussion each session, to identify the most common (and aggressive) plants and learn why they are such a threat to the ecosystem. Work days are 9 AM-noon. [DNR photo-wavy basketgrass]



The primary opponents these days will be:

Garlic mustard: April 8, 15, 22, 29; May 5, 12

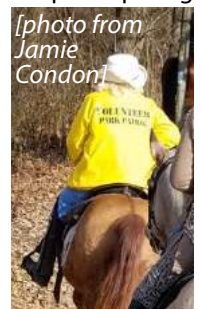
Wavyleaf basketgrass (shown in photo): June 16, July 21, Aug. 25, Sept. 8

Please sign up at <[volunteerpatapsco.dnr@maryland.gov](mailto:volunteerpatapsco.dnr@maryland.gov)> so they can contact you in case the event must be cancelled for inclement weather. Also please wear long pants, long sleeves and sturdy boots, and bring water and gloves.

### Help Your Favorite Montgomery County Parks By Becoming A Parks Volunteer Mounted Patrol

from Laury Lobel

Be the eyes and ears for the Montgomery County Park Police -- apply to become a Montgomery Parks mounted volunteer. Volunteers must devote a minimum of 60 hours yearly. It includes riding the county's parks (40 hours minimum) and participating in "details" such as helping at the many public service events with duties such as helping with parking, handing out brochures, role-playing at the volunteer training, and a host of many other non-equestrian volunteer possibilities (20 hours a year). After completing six years, volunteers meeting their 60 hour yearly requirement are eligible for a very generous tax deduction. The application is at <<https://www.montgomeryparks.org/support/volunteer/>> where you can read more about this unique opportunity. Or contact Jim Corcoran, Trail Volunteer Coordinator (301-650-4395, <[Jim.Corcoran@MontgomeryParks.org](mailto:Jim.Corcoran@MontgomeryParks.org)>). Opportunities also for bikers and walkers.



**[Editor's note: TROT members Laury Lobel, Nancy Osgood, Ron MacNab, Brother Roger and many others have enjoyed this opportunity for years – it also lets you ride in areas officially off-limits to horses! And you can wear a classy park volunteer jacket! (photo at right)]**

### Celebratory Event on Completing Years of Work on Catoctin Park Barn

from Leah Mack, new Frederick County TROT Coordinator

Capping off a multi-year effort to rebuild the barn at Catoctin Park -- which should be useful for equestrian events, including camping (as described in many past newsletters, most recently May, 2017) and to which TROT contributed -- a number of us TROT members attended a lovely dinner at Camp Greentop hosted by the Catoctin Forest Alliance. In attendance were many groups who have been involved with the restoration of the barn, which was historically used to house the horses of presidents. Also in attendance were many Amish craftsmen from Indiana, who completed the work over several visits, as well as their wives, who brought a plethora of delicious pies to share with all of us. We toured the barn and saw the excellent work that has been done.

## TROT TRAIL RIDES AT THE END OF 2017

Although it is still cold winter, do plan to come on TROT rides in 2018 and ideally to also lead a ride yourself. TROT rides are a very enjoyable and safe way to learn new trails, meet new riding buddies, and -- probably most important for TROT's mission -- help illustrate to riders the value of preserving trails.

Since the last newsletter, TROT had three final rides in 2017:

### Little Bennett, Montgomery County from Laury Lobel, ride leader

With Mother Nature's cooperation, we were able to spend a few glorious hours riding the trails on the eastern side of Little Bennett for our Last Thursday of the Month ride, on November 30th. Laury Lobel was joined by Deneen Martin, Andrea Steed, Ann Faulkner, Mette Fields, Jeani Swartz, and new member Jamie Condon. Deneen led the ride for about 2 ½ hours, followed by lunch in the sunshine at the Lewisdale parking area. What a gift this time of year!!

[photos from Laury Lobel  
and Jamie Condon]



Deneen, Ann, Jeani,  
Mette, Andrea & Jamie;  
not shown: Laury & Jeani

### WSSC's Rocky Gorge trail, Prince George's and Montgomery Counties from Barbara Sollner-Webb, ride leader

With the original Rocky Gorge ride for the first time on a weekday this year, some who wanted to come but are gainfully employed could not, so Denis Webb and I arranged two weekend make up rides. One was with TROT members Cécile Neuvens and Barbara Martin (sorry, no photo), and the other with TROT members Rebecca King, Shawne Whittington Sr., Shawne Whittington Jr., and their friends (and one day TROT members) Doc and BJ (shown in that order in the photo at the right; note that BJ is riding these hills bareback)! Both were real nice rides, with pretty views of the reservoir, crisp weather and dry footing. Everyone agreed what a treasure this great venue is and blessed WSSC for its use.



## SOME TROT TRAIL RIDES ARE ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR 2018

In the depth of the coldest weather this winter, TROT's wonderful new Carroll County coordinator, Stephanie Brennan, announced that she has been busy lining up TROT rides for the coming year, intended to showcase to all TROT members the great venues in the Carroll County (CC) area, listed below. Stephanie plans to set up additional rides at Morgan Run, Union Mills, Gillis Falls, Piney Run and Assateague. This energy enticed a couple more of us into planning a ride too. So, in a new first for a January TROT newsletter, here are some of the TROT trail rides planned for the new year. We have also already arranged to have a joint ride with the Chesapeake Plantation Walking Horse Club and with the Sugarloaf Riding Club, dates and venues TBD. So please mark your calendars for the schedule as of now (write-ups will come in the March newsletter):

where (with county)	date	rain date	leader	contact info
Liberty Reservoir (CC)	1/28 Sun	2/4 Sun	Stephanie Brennan	< <a href="mailto:dadslilcobra@yahoo.com">dadslilcobra@yahoo.com</a> > or 603-573-1123
Liberty Reservoir (CC)	3/10 Sat	3/17 Sat	Alice Altstatt	< <a href="mailto:aaltstat@umd.edu">aaltstat@umd.edu</a> > or 410-861-8903
North Tract (AA)	3/31 Sat	4/6 Sun	Barbara Sollner-Webb	< <a href="mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu">bsw@jhmi.edu</a> > or 301-604-5619
Gettysburg (PA)	4/14 Sat	4/21 Sat	Stephanie Brennan	< <a href="mailto:dadslilcobra@yahoo.com">dadslilcobra@yahoo.com</a> > or 603-573-1123
Morgan Run (CC)	5/10 Thurs	5/17 Thurs	Linda Gasch & Debbie Mullinix	< <a href="mailto:dadslilcobra@yahoo.com">dadslilcobra@yahoo.com</a> >
Rocky Gorge PG, MoCo)	5/19 Sat	5/27 Sun	Barbara Sollner-Webb	< <a href="mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu">bsw@jhmi.edu</a> > or 301-604-5619
Woodstock Inn (Balt)	5/26 Sat	6/8 Sun	Carolann Sharpe	< <a href="mailto:blackandwhitecookie@yahoo.com">blackandwhitecookie@yahoo.com</a> >

**Note Stephanie's Liberty Reservoir ride on January 28<sup>th</sup> (described on page 9) – do sign up to go (weather permitting)!**

There still are plenty of weekend and weekday days free, so we hope that YOU will decide to lead a ride this year too. Leading a TROT ride is rather easy, fun, and a super service to TROT riders, showing them new venues and reinforcing the importance of preserving trails. For info, look back in the March 2016 TROT newsletter at Laury Lobel's informative article or contact me (<[bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu)> (and to sign up for leading a ride).



## And Two Horse Camping Trips! May 11-13 and Oct 11-14

from Jacquie Cowan

Fair Hill NRMA is calling out all all riders to enjoy a horse camping weekends! TROT members are invited to join for one or two fun weekends with the Chesapeake Plantation Walking Horse Club (CPWHC), which has booked the Fair Hill barn for the weekends of May 11-13 and October 11-14. Plan on enjoying great trail riding and camping, and a well-organized weekend, since CPWHC has been doing these Fair Hill camping weekends for many years. As you probably already know, Fair Hill offers almost 6000 acres of beautiful rolling countryside and 80 miles of trails through the woods and along the Big Elk River. Their large stalls are matted and safe for the horse, and around the barns is very nice field camping for the people (a limited number of spots have electric hookup) – and there are real bathrooms with hot showers. Also, hotels are close by for those who do not camp. For more information and to sign up, contact Jacquie Cowan at <[jacquiecowan@comcast.net](mailto:jacquiecowan@comcast.net)> or 410-923-6157.

## HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT WORKING EQUITATION?

from Jeanne Bond

Working Equitation (WE) is a competition that started in Europe about 15 years ago for horses that work in the field. It has since spread in other parts of the world, and is steadily gaining in popularity in the U.S. It is comprised of four phases, including working dressage, ease of handling with obstacles, speed obstacles, and cattle handling. The first three phases are part of a regular WE competition – cattle handling is only used for team competitions.

Most of the obstacles used in WE are those that are found in trail classes or simulate obstacles encountered on trails. But some are unique, such as picking up a lance and skewering a ring – a nod to the garrocha used in Spain and Portugal when working cattle.



There is a series of performance levels, from Level 1 (Introductory) to Level 7 (Masters). There is also a Children's level that is limited to riders 8 to 13 years of age. There is no Speed trial for Children or Level 1 competitors. Skill requirements advance through the levels. Riders in Levels 6 and 7 must negotiate all elements of the competition riding one-handed.

Working Equitation is a sport that honors history -- the goal is to preserve and carry on the cultural traditions of each country and its horses. Tack and attire is local to the area; therefore Western and English tack in our country are both perfectly acceptable.

The World Association for Working Equitation (WAVE) governs the sport internationally and maintains a set of rules for international competition. Each country, however, has its own rules for domestic WE competitions that follow WAVE guidelines. All WE

competitions in the U.S. use the [U.S. Rules for Working Equitation](#). A copy of the rulebook as well as additional information about WE and can be found on the Confederation for Working Equitation's website: <[confederationwe.us](http://confederationwe.us)>.

The Eastern Region Andalusian Horse Club (ERAHC) is holding two Working Equitation shows this year, one in Greenville, VA in May, the other in Lexington, VA in August. The competitions are open to all breeds. If you'd like more information, or get a group together to learn more about this fascinating and fun sport, please get in touch with me (Jean Bond) at <[halcyonfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:halcyonfarm@hotmail.com)>. I'd be happy to help you get started.



photos from Jeanne Bond

## TROT LICENSE PLATE COORDINATOR NEEDED

from Susan Railey

**Editor's note: Thanks, Susan, for setting up the lovely TROT license plates and running their distribution for many years!**

TROT is looking for someone to coordinate with members who want to get one of the cool TROT license plates. The process involves sending a form letter, return envelope, and MVA application to members looking to get a TROT license plate, who then return the completed MVA application to you along with their check payable to MVA. Then all you need to do is confirm they are a member, sign the application as the TROT representative, and send it with the check to a specific individual at MVA. MVA sends the tags to the member. If you are interested, please call me at 301-490-7172 or email me at <[susanrailey@verizon.net](mailto:susanrailey@verizon.net)>.



## NEWTON – R.I.P.

I got Newton when he was six years old and named him after the most brilliant person who ever lived on earth, Sir Isaac -- but I always joked that he did not inherit that particular quality. However, our farm owner, Kathy, swore he could open any gate if he decided he wanted to go into a different pasture! He was a registered quarter horse, but we always suspected that he had some type of draft in his woodpile, being so big and tall! He was a willing and trustworthy trail horse – happy to go anywhere I asked him to go – and always careful. We were partners in the MNCPPC Park Police volunteer program, where he passed the certification test easily – even when the police helicopter unexpectedly lifted off from the nearby facility, which rattled many of the horses there. Newton just watched; he seemed interested in the phenomenon! He had pretty rough gaits (I'm being very kind there!), but his sweet nature compensated for any faults he had. So, he died peacefully one bitter cold night, just shy of his 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday. I will be forever grateful for so many happy times with him and riding buddies. This is one of my favorite photos – it shows Newton with his buddy Ace – both in heaven now! Can you tell that Laury and I are happy riders on this fun TROT ride?

from Nancy Osgood



Newton with his long-time buddy Ace  
Laury added "Newton will now be romping around forever with his best buddy Ace."

## DEALING WITH A DECEASED EQUINE BUDDY

Newton's sudden passing brought up the painful question of what does one do with 1000 pounds of expired horse-flesh that is blocking the aisle of the barn. That morning, there were multiple telephone calls on the subject. Several of us independently recounted using and highly recommending Kate Krone (of Bloom Valley Farm; 410-840-2005), with descriptors including "very good", "prompt", "respectful", "helpful", "efficient" and "comforting to know that he will be organically composted." Kate was called to remove Newton, and barn manager Kathy Lipton agreed with all those sentiments.

Hopefully your equine buddy will be around a very long time, but in case an unexpected emergency arises, it might be helpful to have handy the contact information of Kate or some other person who came highly recommended to you for horse rendering.

## UPDATE ON THE PATUXENT RIVER STATE PARK TRAILS

TROT has worked with MORE (the trail building and mountain biking group, Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts) for many years and on many trail projects. One ongoing major effort in which MORE is taking the lead is to improve and re-position the now highly degraded trails in the Patuxent River State Park in Montgomery and Howard Counties (see articles in the July, 2015 and January and March, 2016 TROT newsletters). Here is an update that Tom Newton of MORE recently provided.

*Sorry, I know it has been a long time since I have sent out any updates. I wanted to give everyone a little background on Patuxent, what we have been working on, and our next steps with the project. I also wanted to introduce my co-liasion for Patuxent, Steve Cover, and announce that the Patuxent project is now part of the International mountain biking association's (IMBA) national Dig In trailbuilding fundraiser, that is still soliciting donations (<<https://win.imba.com/digin?chapter=200383>>).*

*On February 27, 2014, members of MORE and TROT met with Dave Powell and Dan Hudson of MD Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to discuss a potential trail system in the upstream portion of Patuxent River State Park (PRSP). A couple months later, MORE, along with a donation from the Montgomery County Road Runners Club (MCRRC), hired Jeremy Wimpey of Applied Trails Research to conduct an assessment of the landscape and existing informal trails in PRSP, and create a concept for a redeveloped trail system. We had a public meeting on June 12, 2014 at the Izaak Walton location next to the park, to share the report and gather feedback. Over 35 people were there to hear about plans offer suggestions. <<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B1XVin4UbEMaOVQwdm9NYmd6TjA>> contains the final report.*

*We have been focusing our efforts to date on Phase 1 of the project, which will be the first eight miles of trail, between Mullinix Mill Road and Route 94 (Woodbine Road/Annapolis Rock Road). We have walked the land with Dave Powell and Dan Hudson of DNR, along with other staff of DNR and MD Dept of Environment (MDE). We procured official bridge designs from a MD engineering firm, based on USFS standard bridges. We have flagged corridor and captured GPS. And Dan has been putting all the GPS tracks together, making maps, and creating the permit applications for MDE. To date, we have raised over \$100k in funds, mostly from RTP grants, but we also have received donations from other clubs and businesses. And now we are thrilled to be a part of IMBA's Dig In program! We expect to get final approval to start building the trail in the spring of 2018. We are hoping to start corridor clearing before leaf-out in April. If you are on Facebook, be sure to like the Patuxent project page (<<https://www.facebook.com/paxriversp/>>) to receive project updates and event notifications.*

*When we start our volunteer work, Steve and I will be contacting everyone again, asking for help. Thanks again for everyone's support and please let us know if you'd like any more info about the project at <[patuxent-river-trail-project@googlegroups.com](mailto:patuxent-river-trail-project@googlegroups.com)>.*



## TROT FEATURED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARKS' VIDEO

A Montgomery County Parks' video on trails (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjRbeWX3qRw&feature=youtu.be>) features MORE and TROT. The TROT part starts at 11:35 minutes and includes nice riding shots and sound bites from Susan Ferrara's lovely Little Bennett TROT ride on Oct 14 and a brief interview with Gale Monahan (TROT President) and others attending the ride. Cool!

## HORSE TRAILER TEMPERATURE MONITORING

*info from Susan Montgomery*

Susan kindly provided an interesting posting by Jo Christensen, on the AERC: American Endurance Ride Conference website, using an inexpensive temperature monitor to determine that even on very cold days, when a horse is hauled in a trailer, the trailer heats up quite rapidly to a much more comfortable temperature. See <https://www.facebook.com/groups/60765322138/permalink/10156072223017139/> for the complete text. But note that her data are from hauling two horses in an enclosed 3-horse gooseneck trailer (presumably all windows closed), not in a stock trailer with openings along the sides.

## TRAILERS, VANS, THE LAWS, AND YOU

*info from article in the Equiery*

Since many TROT riders now pull large gooseneck trailers with live-in quarters using heavy trucks, a recent article in the Equiery ([http://equiery.com/trailers-vans-laws/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+equiery+%28The+Equiery+News%29](http://equiery.com/trailers-vans-laws/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+equiery+%28The+Equiery+News%29)) may be of interest. Among its valuable pieces of information are the following:

-- If your truck and trailer together have a gross combined weight rating (GCWR) of 26,001 lbs or more, regardless of whether or not you ever haul that much and regardless of whether you drive commercially, you need to have a "Commercial Driver's License" (CDL). [The GCWR is listed in the truck owner's manual (and is somewhat less than adding together the GCWR of the truck alone plus the GCWR of the trailer alone.)]

-- By law, if your truck has a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,000 lbs. or more or if your truck and trailer have a combination weight rating (GCWR) or 10,001 lbs. or more, then this truck or truck and trailer is considered a "Commercial Motor Vehicle" (CMV) AND HAS TO ENTER THE WEIGH STATIONS THAT ARE ALONG SOME HIGHWAYS.

-- If you run a stable and haul any of your borders' horses, even if you are not paid by those people for that hauling, you are considered a "Commercial Motor Carrier" (CMC) and must have a Motor Carrier (MC) Number from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (one-time fee of \$300).

-- And there is lots more info in the original article!

## COUNTY/AREA COORDINATOR REPORTS

### Carroll County

*from Stephanie Brennan, Carroll County Coordinator*

I am pleased to be reporting to you as TROT's Carroll County Coordinator!

Carroll County TROT members are hoping to showcase the trails within our county in 2018. Please see page 6 for trail rides we have set up so far and plan to add soon. We welcome you to join us and to contact TROT's Carroll County Coordinator, Stephanie Brennan ([dadslilcobra@yahoo.com](mailto:dadslilcobra@yahoo.com)) or 603-573-1123 cell/text) if you would like to assist in a Carroll County Ride.

Liberty Reservoir is our first venue we hope to showcase in 2018. Did you know that this reservoir is located outside the city of Baltimore but is owned by the City of Baltimore Department of Public Works? The 3,100 acre reservoir divides Baltimore and Carroll Counties and was the former site of the town of Oakland Mills and the Melville Woolen Mills. If you choose to join us for a trail ride at Liberty Reservoir, you will not be disappointed, as the trails wind through the forest, filled with a wide assortment of flora, fauna, and wildlife. You will also be treated to breathtaking views of the Liberty Reservoir, with some trails running alongside and through flowing streams.

**Invitation to Join Forces and Make New Friends in 2018:** Please join TROT and the Carroll County Equestrian Council (CCEC), to make new friends and to learn how we can preserve the future for horses and our trails.

**Date:** January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 5 PM

**Location:** Mike & Kyle Gafney's farm off Piney Run Park (the non-equestrian side) of White Rock Road  
directions will be sent to those who RSVP

**RSVP:** to Kyle, at 301-706-3714 (call or text) or email [countrygirlkyle@gmail.com](mailto:countrygirlkyle@gmail.com)

this is highly recommended for a head count and to send an alert if the event changes due to weather, etc.

**Provided:** Chili, plates, cups, spoons, etc.

**Bring:** Beverages, salads, desserts, appetizers, etc.

*[county coordinator reports continue on next page]*

## Frederick County

*from Leah Mack, Frederick County Coordinator*

I am happy to be the new Frederick County Coordinator for TROT. See page 2 for a bit about me. And please contact me at [lecofarmer@gmail.com](mailto:lecofarmer@gmail.com) with any questions, concerns, or ideas related to trails and trail riding in Frederick County.

You may have heard exciting news about a potential new Frederick County Agricultural and Equestrian Facility ([https://www.fredericknews.com/news/economy\\_and\\_business/agriculture/donated-farmland-will-be-agricultural-and-equestrian-park-in-thurmont/article\\_36a5c2a2-81e8-58c4-8b90-27704c6bb451.html](https://www.fredericknews.com/news/economy_and_business/agriculture/donated-farmland-will-be-agricultural-and-equestrian-park-in-thurmont/article_36a5c2a2-81e8-58c4-8b90-27704c6bb451.html)). As the County Coordinator, I offered to be TROT's liaison for any planning of the equestrian facility. However, it turns out that development of this new park is a ways out because the gentleman who owns the land is alive, and the gift won't take effect until after he passes. Nonetheless, Frederick County Parks and Recreation are collecting letters of interest from groups like ours, so they can eventually contact us, when appropriate.

## Baltimore County

*from Priscilla Huffman, Baltimore County Coordinator*

Baltimore County now has two coordinators - Priscilla Huffman and our new co-coordinator, Bianca Paterakis. We met recently to plan area activities for 2018 and have identified at least eight possible trail rides that could be scheduled. We are in the process of confirming ride leaders at this time. Our membership goal for 2018 is 10 new Baltimore County members!

A trail maintenance day is scheduled for Saturday, February 3rd on the Torrey C Brown (NCR) trail. [See page 5.] Meet at 9 AM at the Paper Mill Rd parking area. We also have openings for Volunteer Mounted Patrol members. Contact Priscilla at [priscillahuffman@verizon.net](mailto:priscillahuffman@verizon.net) or Bianca at [biancavanhorn@me.com](mailto:biancavanhorn@me.com) if you would like to learn more about the VMP program.

## Anne Arundel County

*from Jacquie Cowan, Anne Arundel County Coordinator*

### **SPORTS COMPLEX PROPOSED IN CROWNSVILLE**

Chesapeake Bayhawks, a professional lacrosse organization, has recently proposed to build a large sports complex on the grounds of the old Crownsville State Hospital. The plan includes taking over the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds across the street as well. This extensive plan includes a stadium, additional athletic fields, a shopping village with restaurants, possibly hotel, and a new off/on ramp to Route I-97 to accommodate the huge influx of traffic. Importantly for outdoors people, the Bacon Ridge Natural Area is adjacent to this area on the other side of I-97 and the back side of Crownsville Hospital and included a historic hospital graveyard and hiking/biking trails that used to be the home trails of the Windy Knoll Horsemen riding club before new homes blocked access. We had hoped to gain future equestrian access to at least part of the trails, but one of the challenges is providing ample trailer parking, with the only site yet identified being the Old Farm Road area on the Crownsville Hospital site -- that will become unavailable by the proposed development. This is sure to be a long fight between those who favor growth and development versus citizens who see this as an invasion of our "sleepy, country feel atmosphere"; also, the board of the County Fair will have to make some tough decisions about keeping the 65 year old Fair going. For more information on this massive proposal, see <http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/ac-cn-bayhawks-stadium-20171130-story.html>.

### **HORSEMAN RUNNING FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY EXECUTIVE ... part 1**

You probably know Stuart Pittman best as the founder and president of the Retired Racehorse Project and former President of the Maryland Horse Council. You have seen Stuart teaching at the Maryland and Pennsylvania Horse EXPOs. Stuart is owner and trainer of the Dodon Farm Training Center. He and his siblings are the eighth generation of their family to own this 550 acre farm in Davidsonville south of Annapolis. The farm is also the home of The Vineyards at Dodon. Stuart grew up in Anne Arundel County as a Pony Clubber riding the hunt fields, pony races and showing locally. He grew into dressage and eventing.

A degree in Political Science from the University of Chicago launched him into a successful career as a community organizer in Chicago and Des Moines. He came back home to Anne Arundel County, working in Washington for the National Low-Income Housing Coalition to build a network of state organizations, and then was recruited by the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) to oversee strategy and campaign development for its twenty-six offices nationwide.

Closer to home as a farmer in Anne Arundel County, Stuart has advocated on behalf of fellow farmers against onerous regulations and promoting policies to make farming more commercially viable. Working with developers and other farmers, the Anne Arundel County Soil Conservation District has become an effective government partner to limit the erosion that pollutes streams and rivers.

I have spent many hours over the years working with Stuart to combat the expansion of Sunday Hunting. We were successful two years ago to convince the Anne Arundel County State Delegation to withdraw their proposed bill before going to a committee vote. Our success was due to Stuart's strong leadership and our combined efforts to help the Delegation understand the concerns of our county's equestrians and other outdoor enthusiasts.

Although TROT is not officially endorsing any candidate, my next newsletter report will address how Stuart's compassion for horses, business and community could be an asset to us. Visit his website (<https://pittmanforpeople.com/>) for more information on the three mainstays of his campaign: service to people and land, putting communities first, and take back our county.

## SUMMARIES OF TROT BOARD MEETINGS

from Jean McKay, TROT secretary

### **Summary of December 6, 2017 TROT Board meeting** – held at the home of Nancy Osgood and Sim Shanks.

Participants: Gale Monahan (President), Deneen Martin (Vice President), Fritzi Grow (Treasurer), Jean McKay (Secretary), Laury Lobel (BD), Barbara Sollner-Webb (BD), Rita Beck, Stephanie Brennan, Jean Cooper, Susan Montgomery, Ron MacNab, Nancy Osgood, Brieanah Schwartz, Sim Shanks

- Treasurer's report was accepted; November Board meeting minutes were approved with revision.
- Barbara Sollner-Webb is planning the 2018 trail ride calendar so please everyone let her know what rides you might lead.
- TROT now has an active Instagram account <[https://www.instagram.com/trail\\_riders\\_of\\_today/](https://www.instagram.com/trail_riders_of_today/)>!
- County Coordinator Reports – Please see County Reports section of the newsletter.

### **Summary of January 3, 2018 TROT Board meeting** – held at the home of Gale Monahan.

Participants: Gale Monahan (President), Deneen Martin (Vice President), Fritzi Grow (Treasurer), Jean McKay (Secretary), Dana Grabiner (BD), Terry Ledley (BD), Laury Lobel (BD), Pat Oliva (BD), Barbara Sollner-Webb (BD), Jean Cooper, Jacquie Cowan, Priscilla Huffman, Susan Montgomery, Nancy Osgood, Sim Shanks, Carolann Sharpe, David Stang, Debbie Wagner

- Treasurer's report was accepted; December Board meeting minutes approved as written.
- David Stang presented and discussed his trail mapping efforts, which can be found at <<http://www.montgomeryrides.com/>>; the Board very much appreciated David's insights and suggestions about trail mapping.
- The Board voted unanimously to oppose any expansion of Sunday hunting and transmitted its position to Maryland Horse Council (MHC) President Neil Agate and MHC Legislative Committee Chair Jane Seigler, and to the TROT members (via e-mail).
- Gale Monahan is the new chair of the MHC Trails and Greenways Committee, succeeding Ron MacNab.
- County Coordinator Reports – Please see County Reports section of the newsletter.

## TRAIL GUIDES

The following volunteers are willing to show TROT members their favorite trails on an individual basis. Please contact them to arrange a personally guided trail ride. And if you would be willing to occasionally show another trail to others, please contact Barbara Sollner-Webb (<[bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu)>, 301-604-5619) to join this list of generous volunteers.

**Agricultural History Farm Park ("Ag Farm")** (Montgomery County, MD) Deneen Martin: 301-253-2955

**Annapolis Rock** (Montgomery County side, MD) Deneen Martin: 301-253-2955

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

**Cedarville Park** (Upper Marlboro, MD) Rebecca King: [family1one@msn.com](mailto:family1one@msn.com) or 240-346-7942

**Codorus State Park** (PA) Priscilla Huffman: 301-646-4422 or <[priscillahuffman@verizon.net](mailto:priscillahuffman@verizon.net)>

**Doncaster State Forest** (Charles County, MD) Rebecca King: [family1one@msn.com](mailto:family1one@msn.com) or 240-346-7942

**Fairland Park** (Burtonsville, MD) Barbara Sollner-Webb: [bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu) or 301-604-5619

**Frederick County Watershed, Catoctin Mountain between Gambrill State Park and Cunningham Falls State Park.**

(Thurmont, MD) Weekend afternoons. Johnna Wheeler: 301-293-1500 or <[johnna@ikeptmypromise-book.com](mailto:johnna@ikeptmypromise-book.com)>

**Greenwell Park** (St. Mary's County, MD) Rebecca King: [family1one@msn.com](mailto:family1one@msn.com) or 240-346-7942

**Gunpowder Falls State Park** (Baltimore County) Priscilla Huffman: 301-646-4422 or [priscillahuffman@verizon.net](mailto:priscillahuffman@verizon.net)

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

**Liberty Reservoir** (Carroll County, MD) Stephanie Brennan: [dadslicobra@yahoo.com](mailto:dadslicobra@yahoo.com) or 603-573-1123

**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)

**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)

**Patapsco State Park/McKeldin** (Carroll, Baltimore, Howard counties MD) Carolann Sharpe: <[blackandwhitecookie@yahoo.com](mailto:blackandwhitecookie@yahoo.com)>

**Prettyboy Reservoir** (Baltimore County) Priscilla Huffman: 301-646-4422 or [priscillahuffman@verizon.net](mailto:priscillahuffman@verizon.net)

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

**Rock Creek Park** (Montgomery County, MD and into DC) Laury Lobel: 301-774-9595 or [laurylobel@verizon.net](mailto:laurylobel@verizon.net)

**Rocky Gorge Reservoir** (Prince George's and Montgomery County) Barbara Sollner-Webb: [bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu) or 301-604-5619

**Rosaryville Park** (Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, MD) Laura Colicchio: 301-856-7540 or [lavenderlady19@verizon.net](mailto:lavenderlady19@verizon.net)

**Tridelphia Reservoir** (Montgomery County) Barbara Sollner-Webb: [bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu) or 301-604-5619

**Woodstock Equestrian Park** (Beallsville, MD) Karen Kraushaar: 301-467-6433 or [kraushaar@verizon.net](mailto:kraushaar@verizon.net)



## UP-TO-DATE INFO ON TROT ACTIVITIES

**TROT Website:** <[www.trot-md.org](http://www.trot-md.org)>

**TROT Newsletter** (current as well as older issues are at):

<[www.trot-md.org/newsletter](http://www.trot-md.org/newsletter)>

Barbara Sollner-Webb, Newsletter Coordinator

(<[bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu)>, 301-604-5619)

**Maryland Trail Riders Yahoo group** (and info to join):

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

**TROT Yahoo group** (and info 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/)>

## REMEMBER TO (RE-)JOIN TROT FOR 2018

Because TROT's ability to make an impression on elected and agency officials in lobbying for sustainable trails is in large part dependent on the number of members we can cite that we represent, it is important that everyone who cares about trail and trail riding (even if only for a quick hack after working in the ring) becomes a member of TROT. Please renew your membership for 2018, or join if you are not a member, and explain to your riding buddies the importance of joining too. Instructions for joining TROT online and a membership form for joining by mail are on TROT's website, <[www.TROT-MD.org](http://www.TROT-MD.org)> and in the November TROT newsletter. Or join in person at the Annual Dinner. Thanks!

## WHO'S WHO IN TROT

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**Please, TROT members in Prince George's County and all other counties that are not listed, consider volunteering as TROT's coordinator from your county or from some subset thereof that you would feel comfortable getting more involved with!**

## NEW MEMBERS

*from Becky & Jim Carter*

Name	County/State
Brianna Bowling	Charles Co
Jamie Condon	Baltimore Co
Daria Kleinmeier	Howard Co
Theresa Reisenauer	Carroll Co
Andrea and Jeffrey Steed	Carroll Co
Meggan Whelan	Howard Co

Welcome to TROT!

We hope you enjoy TROT and help in TROT's mission to preserve sustainable trails!

## THE NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please, we need your help in obtaining information, news and photos for the newsletter! Send them to the newsletter editor at [bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu).

## GO GREEN WITH EMAILED NEWSLETTERS

If your TROT newsletter comes by U.S. mail, change to email delivery to get it days sooner, with color pictures, and save TROT lots in printing and mailing costs. Contact TROT membership at [trotmembership@yahoo.com](mailto:trotmembership@yahoo.com).

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### To Place An Ad

To place a newsletter ad, email the newsletter editor at [bsw@jhmi.edu](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu).

**TROT Members** can place one 100-word or business card-size ad in each issue of the newsletter **FOR FREE!** What a great deal! It will run in one issue unless you notify the editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before the next newsletter that you want it to run again. 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	(each additional word - \$0.10)
Business Card	\$6	1/4 page ad \$25
1/2 page ad	\$40	Full page ad \$75

## Great Organically-Raised Farm Products

*from Leah Mack*



### FOR SALE: 100% grass fed beef

(ground beef \$6.50/lb, roasts and stew cubes \$8/lb, steak \$12/lb) and pastured, soy-free eggs (\$6/doz). Organic practices. Pick up at my farm in Libertytown, MD or I can bring to a TROT ride or board meeting.

Leah Mack <[1ecofarmer@gmail.com](mailto:1ecofarmer@gmail.com)>, [grazydays.com](http://grazydays.com)

## Horse Wanted for Son

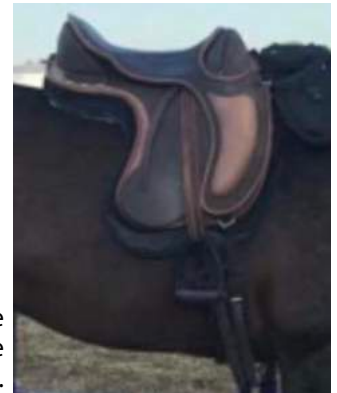
*from Leah Mack*

If anyone knows a horse that is mellow and experienced on the trail and needing a new, loving home, I'm looking for one. My 12 year old son's pony has gone blind and so we've retired him and I need a new large pony or small/medium horse. My son is gentle and likes to go on slow trail rides with me. Doesn't need to be fast or showy, but should be sound, confident and not spooky, crazy or hot. Contact Leah at [1ecofarmer@gmail.com](mailto:1ecofarmer@gmail.com).

## Two Saddles

*from Brieanah Schwartz*

#1- 16" Butet \$1,000 (below)



#2- Barefoot Barrydale saddle (photo at right). Size 2. Like new (about 30 miles ridden). Comes with narrow twist seat addition if desired. Ordered straight from Europe. \$800

Contact Brieanah at [bvs.sbc@gmail.com](mailto:bvs.sbc@gmail.com)

## Gaited Lessons with Jacquie Cowan

Find Your Pleasure Gait with Jacquie Cowan, specializing in softly gaited horses for trail and show. I also help build your confidence and trail skills. Contact Jacquie at [jacquiecowan@comcast.net](mailto:jacquiecowan@comcast.net) or 410-923-6157.

## SPECIAL THANKS!!!

*from Barbara Sollner-Webb, newsletter editor*

Big thanks to the swell folks who contributed those great articles and other information to the newsletter! Readers highly appreciate these contributions by TROT members! [So please keep them coming!]

And ENORMOUS appreciation for most helpfully proof-reading the draft text goes to Terry Ledley, Priscilla Huffman, Judy Thacher, Stephanie Brennan and Denis Webb. Also thanks to Carolann Sharpe, Fritz Grow, and Susan Gray for more great edits. You guys are wonderful!



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