



Trail Riders of Today

Dedicated to maintaining and expanding sustainable trails for equestrian use.

Get your friends to join - the higher TROT's membership, the more effective is its advocating for trails.

Visit our Website

Upcoming Events

Join us for TROT's annual meeting and potluck supper. Enjoy networking with fellow equestrians, a silent auction and informative guest speaker.

TROT ANNUAL MEETING, POTLUCK DINNER, AND SILENT AUCTION
Saturday, February 16, 2019
6:00 pm. Registration and networking. 6:30 pm. Dinner served
Dining Hall building at the Howard County Fairgrounds
2210 Fairgrounds Rd., West Friendship, MD 21794
near the intersection of Rt I-70 and Rt 32

POTLUCK DINNER
Please bring a generous dish to share (don't want anyone leaving hungry!) according to the FIRST LETTER of YOUR LAST NAME:
A - L: Salads and side dishes
M - Z: Main dishes
Set Up Volunteers: appetizers
Dessert is provide by TROT

SILENT AUCTION
Please, we need your donations for the Silent Auction! Do you have some extra tack or supplies in good condition? Do you offer horse-related services or products? All proceeds go to TROT's ongoing mission of supporting sustainable trails. Please consider making a donation! For donating ahead of time to the Silent Auction, contact Carolann Sharpe at (410) 908-6595.

GUEST SPEAKER
Join us and our special guest, Britney Carow, Director of Maryland Equine Transition Service (METS). A horse can find itself in transition seven times in its lifetime. Many owners are unaware of the choices they have when they can no longer care for their horse. Come learn how METS can help.

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact:
Meggan Whalen at meggan.whelen@yahoo.com,
or
Carolann Sharpe at blackandwhitecookie@yahoo.com,
or
Corinne Pouliquen at parkoverbookfarm@aol.com

Trail Work Sessions and Rides by Barbara Sollner-Webb, trail ride coordinator (edited for

space) Important request of all TROT members: Please consider leading (or co-leading, with a friend) a TROT ride. Leading is easy, fun, and a great way to introduce your fellow TROT members to new trails and show them the virtue of preserving trails – TROT's mission. Contact Barbara Sollner-Webb (<bsw@jhmi.edu> or 301-604-5619) to discuss the possibility. For info on leading a TROT trail ride, see the article by Laury Lobel in the March, 2016 TROT newsletter (available at www.trot-md.org), and see the ride list below for months where more rides are really needed.

To participate in a ride, contact the designated ride leader to sign up, learn the start time and get directions. Then if bad weather causes a ride to be postponed, the ride leader will be able to notify you. As was instituted last year, all riders must show their current negative Coggins for the horse, as well as wear a helmet, and be a TROT member; but there are \$5 one-day memberships to encourage non-TROT riders to join.

Sunday, March 17, 2019 Piney Run, Carroll County

Trail Work Day on horseback or on foot. St. Patrick's Day theme. Light trail lunch provided and a prize for the person or horse wearing the most green.

RSVP: **Stephanie Brennan** (dadslilcobra@yahoo.com) or 603-573-1123)

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 Piney Run, Carroll County

Trail Ride. If you haven't ridden this quaint area, you are missing out. Parking is limited, so sign up early to reserve your spot. Piney Run Park encompasses 550 acres with a 300 acre lake. Prior to being a park, this land was a private farm.

RSVP: **Stephanie Brennan** (dadslilcobra@yahoo.com) or 603-573-1123)

Saturday, March 31 - North Tract, east Laurel, Anne Arundel County

Trail Ride [Rain date: Saturday, April 20.] The North Tract of the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge (the only Fish and Wildlife property to allow horseback riding, thanks to TROT members turning out en masse several years ago) has impressively sturdy trails, with a packed-stone base originally designed for military tanks. Thus, this is one of the few area venues to ride without causing trail damage when the ground is soaked. [See May 2013 TROT newsletter.] Our ride will cover much of the almost 10 miles of rather scenic, hard-packed dirt/gravel woods trails. They are flat with no stream crossings, so good for out-of-shape and/or green horses, and are generally soft enough for bare-footed horses. We will have an all-walk group and a walk/trot group, possibly also doing a few controlled canter runs. After the ~2 ½ hr ride, we will enjoy a pot-luck lunch, so bring something yummy to share and a chair

Dear TROT Members –

We have been invited for the FIRST TIME to attend the World of Pet's Expo in Timonium Fairgrounds Baltimore County. For the first time at this expo The Maryland Horse Council will have their Horse land area as they did at the State Fair in August. Also, the International Film Festival Equus will also be taking place in the Theater at the Fairgrounds by the racetrack. I am asking TROT members that wish to help promote the Mission of our Club as well as share your own personal joy and fulfillment stories to come and volunteer for a 2 hour shift. Due to funds, you will be required to purchase your own Admission's ticket. Prices and Times are below. Please contact me at Blackandwhitecookie@yahoo.com or Call/Text me at (410) 908 5599 to come and have some FUN!!!

Show Hours	Daily General Admission
Friday: 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm	\$12 for Adults
Saturday: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm	\$5 for Children 5-12
Sunday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	under 5 FREE

TROT is going to the World of Pets Expo

The World of Pets Expo and Educational Experience takes place on January 25-27, 2019 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium. The World of Pets Expo is a cornerstone event for East Coast pet enthusiasts and animal lovers alike. This year will mark the 18th anniversary of the Maryland World of Pets Expo and we are expecting this year to one of the largest and most entertaining yet. This exciting three day expo is one of Maryland's only family and pet friendly events that is fun for all ages and is considered the Ultimate Event for the Pet Lover.

TROT is going to 17th Annual Horse World Expo

Farm Complex, Harrisburg PA
Feb. 28 – Mar. 3, 2019

Logowear and Club Keychains and a Virtual Reality Trail Ride will all be available in our Booth. If you wish to volunteer for a 3 hour shift to represent our fantastic club contact Carolann at Blackandwhitecookie@yahoo.com



TROT Safety Seminar

by Barbara Sollner-Webb (edited for space)

TROT's Events Committee (Corinne Pouliquen, Meggan Whalen, and Carolann Sharpe) organized their first event, "Trail Rider Safety and First Aid Seminar", held Saturday, January 12th. The seminar was extremely informative, well-organized, and professionally run, with great speakers. Attendance was more than expected.

The first speaker was Riley Schwengel, Park Ranger at Patuxent River and Seneca State Parks. He gave us a lot of useful information about trail safety: the importance of planning ahead, including downloading the trail map onto your cell phone, taking along your cell phone, a first aid kit, a whistle, and the 24/7 DNR emergency number (410-260-8888).

The next speaker was Darren Potter and his spouse Heather Hardesty, both EMTs who provided a lot more useful information on what to have in a first aid kit in your trailer and a smaller one with you in a fanny-pack on your person. It was nice to hear his accolades to duct tape and baling twine.

Next was a very interesting talk by Larry Raskin, TROT Search and Rescue (TROT-SAR), who has decades of expertise. He reinforced the importance of taking along what the previous speakers had advised. He also suggested a 55 gallon plastic trash bag that could be used as an emergency rain poncho/shelter and teaching your horse to be led by the bridle, ponied; tied on a picket line or ground stake.

Neil Agate, President of the Maryland Horse Council, gave a short talk about the MHC, which included taking over the Equiery. Neil also spoke about METS (Maryland Equine Transition





Service), they will be our guest speaker at the TROT annual meeting/dinner.

After lunch Priscilla Huffman and Jo Ann Bashore spoke on the Volunteer Mounted Patrol and how to join.

Kerry Murphy, DVM of Clover Vet Service in Eldersburg provided a lot of extremely valuable veterinary information including the danger of using both Bute and Banamine together and the value of "sugardyne" (sugar-saturated betadine) to draw out wounds.

The final talk was Kathleen Tabor, Esq., an attorney with great expertise in equine-related law and a real knack on explaining to the lay person legal matters that actually are very important to us horse-owners such as "contributory negligence", "good Samaritan laws", and the "attractive nuisance doctrine".

Our many thanks go to Neil Agate, President of the MHC, for kindly arranging for the excellent facilities as well as all our speakers who volunteered their time to prepare and present valuable information to us.

For the next month the MHC is offering TROT members a small discount rate for joining. You would get home delivery of the Equiery plus all other MHC benefits. When signing up use code **TROTHealth19**. Hurry and take advantage of this great offer before it ends.



Welcome New Members!

Name

Neil Agate
Missy & Barry Alexander
Elizabeth Baran
Sarah Bartlett
Kerry Breudal & Kylie Bingham
Pam Brewer
Ann Butcher
Stacey & Kensley Cain
Jacqueline DeSpirito
Dawn Harry
Virginia Henriksen
Nancy Kassner
Bob Lilly Cecilia
Jeffrey Martin
Linda Neal
Joan Pontius & Filip Braeckman
Jim Putney
Lisa Reid Sipes & Walter Sipes
Teagan Russ
Candy Sexton
Gretchen Van Echo
MaryAnn Waddell
Hanna Wharton

MD County

Montgomery
Carroll
Howard
Queen Anne's
Howard
Frederick
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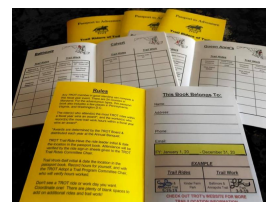
New for 2019, Passport to Adventure!

Passport booklets are being sold for \$10 each. Any TROT member in good standing can compete in this fiscal year event. There are 24 counties in Maryland. For the adventurous types, this passport book also includes a few places in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington D.C.

The rider(s) who attend(s) the most TROT rides within a fiscal year wins an award*, and the worker(s) who record(s) the most trail work hours within a fiscal year wins an award*.

*Awards are determined by the TROT Board & distributed each year at the Annual Banquet.

TROT Trail Ride-Have the ride leader initial & date the location in the passport book. Attendance will be



verified by the ride sign-in sheets given to the TROT Trail Rides Committee Chair. Trail Work-Self initial & date the location in the passport book. Record hours for yourself, and with the TROT Adopt a Trail Program Committee Chair, who will verify hours worked. Don't see a TROT ride or work day you want. Coordinate one! There are plenty of blank spaces to add on additional rides and trail work!
Passport booklets need to be mailed by December 31, 2019 to TROT, PO Box 506, Highland, MD 20777 to be eligible for prizes at the 2020 TROT Annual Meeting and Banquet.

TROT Marketplace



TROT License Plates

Get 2019 off to a good start by applying for a TROT license plate for your truck or car!! The application process is easy. For a one-time fee of \$25, you can have a TROT license plate forever. The Department of Motor Vehicles will transfer the information and registration fees from the current license plate over to the new TROT license plate. What better way to show you enthusiasm for horses and educate the public about TROT! Please contact me at PonyExpressMessenger@gmail.com or call me on (301) 703-4087 and I will help you with the application process. – Karen Durilla



Horse and Rider great Vacation Getaway in Western MD

Make plans for a 2019 Trail Riding Getaway for you and your horse at Valley Meadow Farms "Bed & Barn" in Western MD. Enjoy 400 private acres in the Appalachian Mtns at Sideling Hill near Hancock and stay in a 4 bdrm fully-furnished, linens-provided farmhouse with stable & paddock. Ride meadow, hilltop, forest and field trails. Nice for families & friends to share. 2 night minimum. Family owned & cared for by TROT members. \$150/night for 1-4 people plus fees, \$25 per horse per night. More info at valleymeadowfarms.com and [Facebook](#) or Instagram @valleymeadowfarms (301)678-5023



Trailer for Sale

Cotner Ultra 2H BP Aluminum Trailer - Big & roomy! NEW gladiator tires, 2 large front doors, rear ramp. \$5995 obo
- spayne2310@gmail.com or 301-693-9393

Special opportunity, coming March 2019!

For lease: A large and sunny efficiency apartment on a 37 acre horse farm with stalls available (extra-negotiable). Farm amenities include riding ring, round pen, and access to some trails. Apartment amenities include a separate entrance, full kitchen and bath, deck, shared laundry, and some storage space available. \$800 per month, plus electric. References required. Call Walt and Lisa Sipes, Forever Spring Farm, at 410-218-0415 or 443-878-7774.

