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## A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

TROT Judged Pleasure Ride By Marilynn Miller

The annual Judged Pleasure Ride was held on Saturday, June 2, 2007, at the Montgomery County Agricultural History Farm Park, a truly beautiful venue for our premier riding event. Again, we were lucky with the weather - sunny, but not too warm for riders or horses! A total of 71 riders came to test the training and cooperation of their horses. My list of people to thank begins with Deneen Martin, who arranged for the use of the park and did so much work on the trails but then could not be there to enjoy the ride. Kyle Jossi helped Deneen with the sign-in, and did get to ride! A new TROT member, Daryl Kuster, got all those trailers parked in order. Janet Drazek and her



Amy Grimm (left) recieves champion trophy from Marilynn Miller of TROT. computer kept track of all the scores. Kathy Dobson and Anne Bennof took entries and checked everyone to go out on the trail. My wonderful judges were: Pat

Merson, Jeanne Bond, Susan Gray, Judy Broadbeck, Anne Pomeroy, Pat Oliva, Carolyn Rhodes, Sharon Benz and Harriet Haxton. Thanks to anyone I might have missed. It takes the talents of many people to make this such a

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Frederick \*\*Pat Merson (301) 898-3251 successful event. The TROT treasury got a needed boost, and a good time was had by all. We hope to see you all back next year.

Congratulations to Amy Grimm, our Champion, who received an impressive 87 points. Kevin Yungk, with a score of 84 points, was our Reserve Champion. Courney Hall was our youngest rider (age 8), and Betty Laug was our oldest rider. Our oldest horse, a peppy 34 year old thoroughbred, was ridden



Champion Amy Grimm and reserve champion Kevin Yungk.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The TROT Judged Pleasure Ride, held this year on June 2, continues to be TROT's biggest annual fund raiser. It's a perfect example of the importance of our TROT volunteers and the many hours that they devote to events such as this.

Based on conversations I've had with other not for profit organizations, maintaining a strong, active volunteer base is always a challenge, and more so today when people seem to have less and less control of their time. This makes the hours that are devoted to our TROT events even more precious.

In addition to our organized events, there are lots of TROT "volunteers" who, on their own, help build and clear trails, support TROT in the community, and solicit members by being good trail stewards. These volunteers do just as much to support TROT and further our mission of preserving equestrian trails.

To every TROT member who has either officially helped with an event or worked on your own, we offer sincere thanks from the entire membership.

who finished first in their classes were: Novice horse - Susan Hearn; Pony - Anna Galinaitis; Gaited Breeds - Cate Peloquin; Grade Horse - Amy Grimm; Quarter Horse Jim Brainard, Arabian - Elaine Laurey; TB's, Apps, and Other Registered Breeds - Kevin Yungk. Be sure to look on the TROT website for all the results and for a photogallery. There are many photos of individual riders and horses - browse and shop the five galleries.

by Kyle Jossi. Other riders

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\*\*= Coordinators\* = Contacts

#### Prince George's

\*\*Mary Angevine (301) 937-0014

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Broad Creek Hist. District Dave Turner (301) 292-6130 We are so grateful for the gift of your time, and we hope that you gain as much satisfaction from volunteering as we gain in the support to our organization that you provide.

Today I would like to especially recognize Marilynn Miller, who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the Judged Pleasure Ride. Marilyn devoted so much time, effort, and her can-do attitude to making everything go really flawlessly. On behalf of TROT I would like to thank her for a job – so well done!

Priscilla Huffman TROT President

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Please welcome the following individuals and families that have joined TROT in 2007. We are excited that we have added 69 new members this year. Your membership support is very important to the work that TROT does. Welcome!

Alice and Sissy Alstatt Crystal, Craig, and Melissa Anthony MaryJane Arden Mark Baron David Bastian Susan Becker **Elizabeth Blatchley** Lorin, Claudia, and Annie Bleecker Carolyn C. Breen Barb, and Rachel Carr Cathy Croteau Judy Dausch and Frank Perrier Wand Dyson Christine, Matt, and Lawrence Force Eleanor and Alex Fulton Claudia and Paul Goldstein Leta Goudy Wanda Haddaway Michelle Hale Teresa and Catherine Harrington Cynthia, Bryan, and Emily Harris Harriet and Calvin Haxton Nancy Heller **Richard Huffman** Melody Jamieson



"Off to the Judged Pleasure Ride"

Karen Kraushaar Lloyd Lamp Annetta Maier Veronica and Thomas Martin Lila McConnell and Jeff Greene Christine Nickerson Mary Niemela Kathleen Njie Tessa Pagones and Rose O'Neill Katie Phalen Fran Severn-Levy Catalina and Michael Smith Terri Tanner and Ramon Hill Sylvia, David, Niki, and Alex Taylor Alexis and Stephen Thorner Kerri Uzmed Yvonne Wagner

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#### FROM THE TRAIL RIDE COORDINATOR

Kyle Jossi

## **UPCOMING RIDES:**

Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on the ride and for information about time and parking. All ride participants must be TROT members, membership forms will be available for non-members. Negative coggins must be provided for each horse. Participants are asked to bring their own plates, silverware, and drinks to pot-lucks unless otherwise indicated.For any additional questions about TROT rides, please contact Kyle Jossi 301-570-3860.

Sunday, August 5th at the League of Maryland Horsemen, Marriottsville, MD. Led by Anne Moe. Slow paced ride  $-2 \frac{1}{2}$  hours along the Patapsco River Valley. Sandwich makings supplied, bring a dish to share. Contact Anne Moe at protem@juno.com or (note new phone # for Anne) 410-552-5729

**Sunday, September 2nd (rain date Monday September 3rd.) Labor Day Weekend festivities at Little Bennett.** Jim and Maureen Henry will lead a ride at Little Bennett – Montgomery County. They will lead a fast ride and are looking for a volunteer to lead a slower group. After the ride they will have a Texas style BBQ pot luck. Jim and Maureen will provide beef brisket. Non riders and family members are welcome to join after the ride for picnicking. What a great way to end the summer and have fun with other TROT riders and their families! Contact Jim and Maureen at 301-371-4828.

**Sunday, September 23rd. Antietam Battlefield.** This is a first for TROT. Several members have asked about having a ride at Antietam, but until now we never had a leader who knew the area. Katrin Boniface, who we met at the TROT booth at the Expo, agreed to become a TROT member so that she could lead a ride for us. The ride will leave either from Katrin's farm or from the battlefield if we can get a permit. Riding from Katrin's farm is about a 3 hour ride. The biggest challenge with this is that the horses must be traffic safe as they will be required to cross Sharpsburg Pike (not as scary as it sounds.) and a good portion of the way is on back roads without a lot of traffic. The ride would also ride along the C&O canal for about a mile. The terrain is mostly pavement with some stretches of gravel, and occasionally some grass. There is the possibility of doing a canter along the canal. The battlefield itself is pretty slow paced, but it's nice to be able to read the signs. About an hour of the ride is actually in the park.

There may be the possibility of parking at the battlefield. We won't know until closer to the ride date. The upside to this is that aside from the statues, there is very little in the park to spook a horse and would allow more time in the park itself. Riders could either follow the "tour route" which is all paved, or explore the gravel areas which you can't get to by car. This would be a 2 hour morning ride, lunch break, and then an optional extra hour on the somewhat harder tracks. Contact person: Katrin Boniface – kat@heritageharvest.com.

**Sunday, October 14th – Rosarayville State Park.** (Located on Rt 301- about 5 miles south of Upper Marlboro in PG County, MD.) Led by Jan Chrypinski. Ride length will be 1.5 to 2 hours with a brisk pace – mostly walk-trot with some cantering. There are hills and stream crossing. Jan will provide wine and cheese – other riders to bring snacks to share. There is a \$3.00 entry fee to the park. Contact Jan at Chrypinski @aol.com or 410-798-5224.

We are still looking for ride leaders for the fall. Please contact me if you would like to lead a ride. We are also looking for someone to take over as Trail Ride Coordinator for the 2008 season. It's a fun way to connect with other TROT members who share your passion for trail riding. Contact Kyle Jossi for more information (301-706-3714 or bossyjossi@netscape.com.

#### **RIDE REPORTS:**

Compiled by Kyle Jossi

We've had a great beginning to our trail riding season. It is because of the hard work of the trail ride leaders who plan rides that are both safe and fun. And thanks, too, to those of you who faithfully show up at the rides. It goes without saying that we need leaders and riders to make our Trot Trail Ride Program a success!

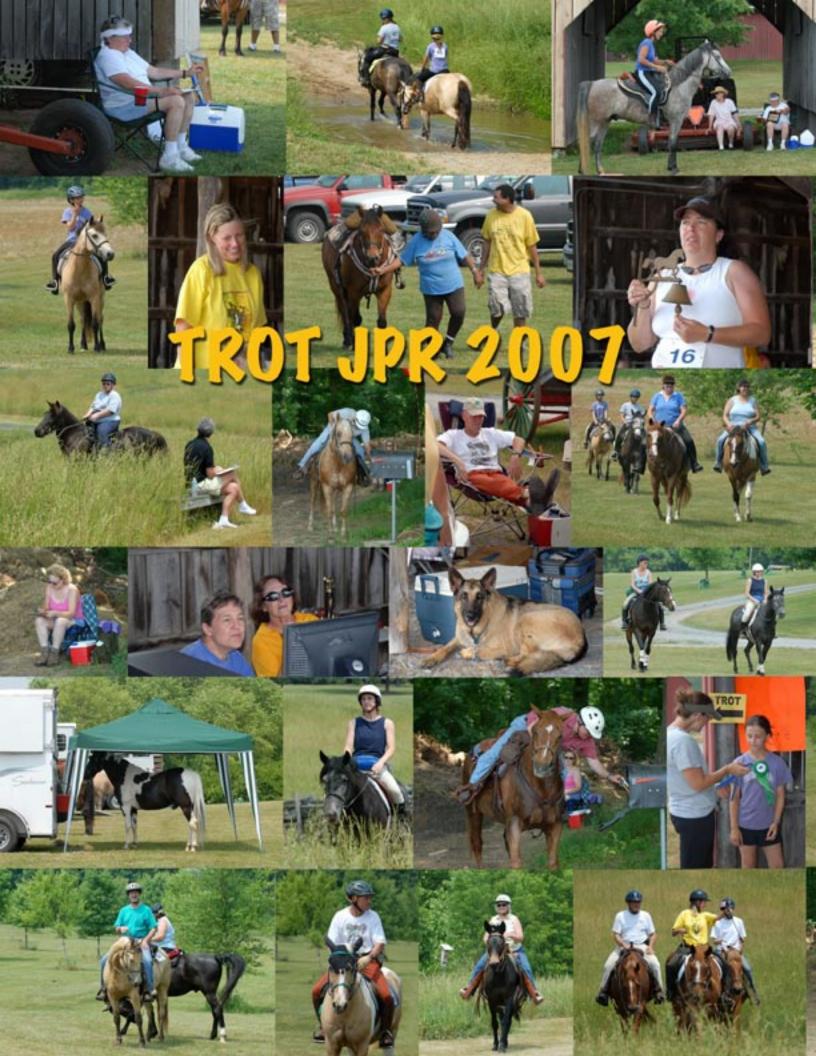
The Paint Branch ride, originally scheduled for April 14th, was postponed a week due to bad weather, but the wait was worth it. Paint Branch Park was the inspiration for the founding of trot. Leader Mary Prowell reports, "The weather was beautiful - 70's and clear. We trotted and cantered and walked through the Paint Branch. All horses (and riders) were well behaved and negotiated obstacles with confidence. Terry and Bob Ledley met us at trails end with buckets of Kentucky Fried Chicken – along with the other goodies riders supplied. It was a very nice day indeed." Participants included the usually suspects - Priscilla Huffman, Barbara Solner Webb, Denis Webb, Jeff Weis, Ellen Shapiro, Elisa Harvey, and Alex Harvey. Barb Sollner – Webb adds, "Great trails, great company, and a wonderful organizer. Mary sure leads an outstanding ride- very nicely moving out, but fully controlled. And she really knows these rather twisty trails - the last time a group of us tried riding in there, we couldn't find a section of the best trails, but with Mary you cover everything! All in all, a lot of fun! It really is too bad that more riders did not come, they would have had a great day." May 5th was another wonderful annual Trot event, led by Anna Slaysman, from her lovely Potomac

**Riverside Farm.** Barb Sollner-Web, our on the scenes gal, filed this report, "As always, Anna's great rides included a very nice stretch on the nearby C & O Canal. A delightful ride, moving out but completely controlled. Anna also offered an allwalk group. Great company but a disappointing attendance. Anna's traditional lunch was served after the ride. Another delightful day."

Terry Ledley, and Barb and Denis Web led their traditional ride along the majestic **Rocky Gorge on May 19th.** The ride lasted 2 1/2 hours and was attended by Jean Swartz, Leslie Knisley, Priscilla Huffman, Dick Huffman, Marilynn Miller, Pat Merson, Bev Fox, Ingrid Gentry, Judy Thacher, and Maria Teabo. Terry led an all-walk group while Barb and Denis led a group with some trotting (and tolting!) The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed a pot-luck lunch afterwards. Terry attached the following note to her ride sign-in sheet, "We had a very successful ride and I am thrilled!"

On May 26th, Melinda Bennett led a ride at **Piney Run in Carroll County.** Melinda sent the following email after the ride: "The ride was nice on Saturday morning. Two new members joined us. Total 7 on the ride. Parking was fine. I brought lunch for everyone to enjoy after the ride. It was a bit humid, but because it was early it was not that hot yet. The scenery was beautiful and everyone enjoyed themselves. I plan on riding the trail at Codorus Park; I wouldn't mind leading another ride in the fall there." (Thank you, Melinda- we'll plan on that.) Melinda's ride was attended by Charles and Margaret Smith, Wanda Haddaway, Christine Force, Marjorie Rothschild and Dawn Anuszkiewicz-Lundgren.

Naomi Manders led a ride from **Callithea Farm on June 10th**. 3 new riders joined TROT. The riders included Carolyn Rhodes, Elisa Harvey, Alex Harvey, Jacki Edens, Laurie Lobel, Nancy Osgood, Judy Dausch, Mark Baron, Karen Kraushaar, and Deneen Martin. It was nearly perfect weather, and the views of the Potomac River were beautiful – it is always exciting to ride along the historic C&O Canal. We got to see great blue herons and lots of bluebells. The ride ended with a nice lunch, lemonade and cookies. For those who didn't know – Callithea Farm is a county-owned property. The public is invited to ride here – just call ahead and let them know you are coming.





### **TRAIL GUIDES**

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

Patuxent State Park off Howard Chapel Road: Allison Abernathy 301-493-5590.

Montgomery Agricultural Farm Park and Annapolis Rock: Deneen Martin 301-253-2955.

Cactoctin Mountain Park, and Little Bennett: Marilynn Miller 301-898-7274.

**Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD:** Karen Kraushaar kraushaar@verizon.net or 301-208-0767.

## Patuxent State Park, Rachel Carson and Rock Creek Park:

Laury Lobel laurylobel@verizon.net or 301-774-9595.

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

#### RIDING IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARKS

What would you do if you were trail riding and came upon a group of hikers? Would you offer to get off the trail to let them pass? This happened in Rachel Carson Conservation Park, and the hikers were a group of naturalists examining some rare plants. The naturalists were upset that the horses would possibly trample the plant life. So, as a reminder – please be sure to stay on the trails. In situations where someone must get off the trail, walkers should give way to the horses. Also, it is very important (and Rachel Carson Park is a good example) that you know what trails are open to horses. The trails are not always marked with "No Horses" signposts. Everyone should go to the Montgomery County Park website (www.mc-mncppc.org/trails/ trail\_maps.shtm) to get a map of the park before riding. Restricted trails will be noted on the map. If anyone else has some tips on trail etiquette, please email nlosgood@verizon.net. We all want to share these experiences!

#### TROT Board Meeting June 5, 2007

The meeting was held in Woodbine, MD, attendees were Priscilla Huffman, Pat Talbott, Pat Oliva, Marilynn Miller, Peggy Bree, Nancy Osgood. Highlights of the discussion:

**Judged Pleasure Ride**. Priscilla expressed gratitude to Marilynn Miller and all the volunteers that helped with the JPR. Seventy-one horses participated, and about 50 people pre-registered. Several lessons-learned items were discussed.

**County Coordinator Updates.** Pat Oliva (Howard County) is still pursuing membership in the Parks and Recreation Board, and identification of equestrian trails in the Western Regional Park.

**Newsletter.** Because many people do not seem to be getting the Newsletter, it was decided to send hard copies to all members, with the idea that they may indicate if they wish to only receive electronic notification that it is available on the website. The board agreed that regular classified ads should be free for members.

**Trail Ride Update.** The upcoming riding events were discussed. Possible events for next year include a joint event with the Therapeutic Riding Center and the Quarter Horse group at the League, and a cancer benefit ride. **Maryland Trail Book**. Peggy Bree made a presentation regarding the possible development of a Maryland Trail Book, that would have detailed information for a range of equestrian trails throughout the state. The board discussed the possible market for such a book among TROT members. The board recommended that the project be deferred, due to the large effort envisioned in producing and publishing such a book.

#### NEWS FROM THE TROT MOUNTED SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM.

The TROTSAR Mounted Team received a letter of appreciation from the City of Damascus, for public information services and safety seminars provided during the City's 2007 Preparedness Day Fair. The TROTSAR Mounted Team received one dozen multi-channel VHF handheld radios that were transfered from the US Department of Homeland Security. These radios will expand the team's communications capability between local, state, federal and non-government authorities during a search emergency or incident. Tomi` Finkle, the team's commander attended the 2007 National Conference for the National Association of Search and Rescue

(NASAR) in Charlotte NC. A full day of the conference was devoted to the development of Mounted Search and/or Rescue (MSAR) standards that is under the development and oversight of ASTM International. Tomi` is a member of 3 MSAR work and task groups. She has recently been selected to serve as the ASTM Technical Point of Contact (TPOC) Chairperson of the international standards for civilian search and rescue.

Ms. Tomi` Finkle, CEM Commander

TROTSAR Mounted Team www.trotsar.org 1-888-MSAR911 (24/7 emergency dispatch line)

# **CLASSIFIED ADS**

#### \*To place an add email:nlosgood@verizon.net

-Classified ads - \$6.00 for first 100 words \$0.10 for each additional word -Business card - \$6.00 -1/4 page ad - \$25 -1/2 page ad - \$40 -full page ad - \$75 -Insert (all copies delivered to our printer) - \$50 -Regular (100 word) ad FREE for TROT Members!

Horse Trailer for Sale: 2004 EquiSpirit 3-horse Safe Load – each horse has its own exit and can be unloaded separately from the others. Interior 6'8" wide (no wheel wells), 7'8" high. Front slant stall is 52" wide - easily removable for additional storage. Height-adjustable butt and breast bars, box stall conversion kit, 30-gallon water tank, battery for interior and loading lights, 12-volt oscillating fan in horse area, dome vent with screen and fan in tack area, extra saddle and bridle racks. Kept under cover – immaculate condition. Located in Warwick, MD. **\$22,800** Call 410-275-1858 or 301-520-5350 HalcyonFarm@dol.net.

Western Saddles for Sale: Western Simco Riverton Saddle Model #1336-6-89 with a 15 inch seat. Has a matching breast plate and all is in excellent condition. It's all basket weave even on the stirrups. Could be used for showing. Want \$500.00. Also an old western saddle in OK shape, it would be good for kids just starting out. Asking **\$100.00.** Call Pat Merson - 301-898-3251.

#### FROM THE COUNTY COORDINATORS

Update from Howard County *Pat Oliva* 

On Wednesday, June 18th I walked the trails that I had laid out in the Western Regional Park with three Howard County Park officials. Our trails were general thought sound. But there is still a lot more construction planned that I was unaware of.

There are to be paved trails around the park boundary's and more development in the fields. But the multi-use unpaved trails are still to be and horses will have good parking and safe trails to ride in the future. It is a big step forward.

I still have not been interviewed for the position on the Park and Rec Board. I Keep getting messages that they will call within two weeks since the beginning of March. But hope is eternal.

No one has gotten back with me on places to park at Benson. Hate to rely on the good will of landowners.

MORE is still working on the trails in the Patuxent. If you see tape markers on the trails in both the river parks it is their work on the trails.

Happy trails, Pat

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 2007**

May 2007 Expenses: \$1,886.51

2007-2008 Liability Insurance: \$1,510.00 TROT Ride expenses: \$193.20 Membership expenses: \$100.00 Horse Expo expenses: \$35.00 Meeting expenses: \$25.65 Verizon - TROT Information line: \$22.66

May 2007 Income: \$1032.62 (Membership, donations, bank interest)

Preliminary June report:

Gross Receipts from Entry Fees for the 2007 TROT Judged Pleasure Ride were \$2,018.00. Expenses are not yet available.

Kathy Dobson, TROT Treasurer

#### (New Members Continued)

Yvonne Wagner Sue and Bill West Ann Zinsser



## Take a Look at the Photos Taken at the Judged Pleasure Ride!

Our photographer is Linda Davis – and she did an amazing job of capturing many wonderful moments and memories of the Judged Pleasure Ride. Don't we all love pictures of our horse buddies? Linda produced the centerfold photo montage for our Newsletter. And there are many more wonderful photos of the event. Be sure to look through all the galleries on the TROT website, or go directly to http://qhdal.smugmug.com/TROT.



### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Membership						
Applicant Name:						
Spouse/Significant other or Family:						
Address:						
City:	State: Zip:					
County:	Ride In:					
Home Phone:	Email:					
Work Phone:	Alternate Phone:					
Annual membership rates for January 1st - December 31st:						
One year single or family membership	\$20.00 p/yr					
Contributing member	\$30.00 p/yr					
Sustaining member	\$50.00 p/yr					
Additional contributions	\$					

Please make checks payable to Trail Riders of Today, and send this form and your check:

#### Melinda Bennett, TROT Membership Chair 2259 Ridge Road, Westminster, MD 21157 Phone: 410-875-0481 Email: Trotmembership@hotmail.com

Membership is for the calendar year. All individuals included in a family TROT membership must be members of the same family living at the same address. Additional contributions are welcome and help to preserve the trails you ride on. Trot is a tax exempt, nonprofit organization and contributions are tax deductable.

#### VOLUNTEER

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please check any areas where you would be willing to assist.

	Public Hearing	County Coordinator	Directory	Ride Leader		
	Fund Raise	Booth/Shows	Trail Mapping	Newsletter		
	SAR	Trail Clearing	Website	Judged Pleasure Ride		
	Meetings	Photography				
DIRE	<u>ECTORY</u>					
Please check here if you do not want your contact information listed in our membership directory (default is as above).						
OR, if wish to be listed, but only want partial information included please indicate what info can be printed in the membership directory.						
	Name	Address	Home Phone	Email		

\*If neither box is checked, the information filled out at the top of the form will be printed in the directory

"It seems like I haven't gotten a TROT Newsletter in a while!" The TROT board has heard this more than once in the past few months. Our Newsletters are scheduled for 6 issues per year, so they really come out very regularly. To save precious financial resources, we have been going more and more to electronic newsletters posted on the TROT website (www.trot-md.org). Hopefully everyone that has email receives a notice that the Newsletter is available. If you have NOT been getting email notification, or if you prefer to get only email notification, please contact Melinda Bennet, TROT Membership Chair, Trotmembership@hotmail.com. But because we have been hearing that some folks were not getting the Newsletter, the board decided to send out the Newsletter to every current member in TROT. If you prefer to get just the email notification, please let us know that too. Email me at nlosgood@verizon. net.

The Newsletter is the main way TROT members can communicate. Every member is encouraged to submit any articles that might have a general interest to TROT members to me by email to **nlosgood@verizon.net**, or hard copy to "TROT" 1100 Tucker Lane, Ashton, MD 20861. Also, starting with this issue, any TROT member can submit a classified advertisement free of charge! Don't miss that opportunity!

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