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Message from the President.....

TROT's County Coordinators are an integral part of what makes our organization successful. This team of hard working individuals serves as the first point of contact in their respective counties. They are aware of trail systems, know their county members, and work with any local county agencies or organizations responsible for trail development.

County Coordinators have mapped trails, obtained easements, held county-wide meetings, and established relationships with local authorities. At each TROT Board meeting, county coordinators bring Board members up to date on activities within their region. In counties where we have large numbers of members, such as Montgomery and Prince George's, there are additional contacts, responsible for specific sections of the county, as well as the County Coordinator position.

As development continues to increase all around us, the County Coordinator

role will become even more critical. Please check our County Coordinators list on Page 2 of this newsletter. If you don't see your county listed, there is not currently a coordinator assigned. Please consider becoming the TROT County Coordinator, or teaming up with someone else to be co-coordinators if you live in one of these regions.

This year, we would like to add at least two new County Coordinators to our valuable team. You can help us reach our goal!

TROT wishes to thank the staff of The Equiry for their May issue coverage of TROT's 25th anniversary, with special thanks to Tracy McKenna for attending our 25th anniversary dinner and taking photos.

*Priscilla Huffman
TROT President*

TROT JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE

Spring is here and time to plan for our fund raiser, the Judged Pleasure Ride. If you have a horse ready for this test of horse and rider, send in your entry. We can also use help on this Saturday, June 4th. It's fun for riders, horses and volunteers.

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Montgomery County Parks TRAIL CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE ' 05

Here's the program for spring of ' 05. It's ambitious but we can do this with your participation.

Please consider what time(s) you could volunteer a few hours to improve your trail experience. We guarantee you will be thrilled with the results! Trail use is our most requested recreational facility in Montgomery County parkland and MNCPPC aims to provide adequate trail access for all. And we can do this in a responsible manner so that Open Space is not damaged. Come learn some new trail construction techniques, meet new trail buddies, find out how to get on the new trails and get some exercise while you're out there! You don't need to be big and strong to help---we have a job for every pair of hands. Please contact me if you plan to attend so appropriate tasks and tools can be provided.

June 4 Trail Volunteer Thank You Party at Black Hill Regional Park

June 5 Hoyles Mill (MORE)

July TROT at Seneca Greenway Trail (no date set yet)

August 27, 28 Cabin John Bridge at Bradley Blvd., Potomac (MORE, PATC)

Naomi.manders@mncppc-mc.org or 301-650-4395 Volunteer Coordinator for Trails

Little Bennett Park

Just wanted to make sure equestrians were involved in the Masterplan process for the Park---trail will be reconfigured and I'm concerned about legitimate ride-in access for neighbors. I rode it last week and most everything looks OK except for too much rock and a few badly eroded areas which I made note of.

Masterplan lead is Rachel Newhouse at 301-650-4388 or email rachel.newhouse@mncppc-mc.org

You could ask to be on the public notice list. What other equestrians ride into the Park? What suggestions do you have?

Please send me your emails so I can add you to the mailing list for updates. The MNCPPC Staff is currently gathering information which will be presented at a public forum in your area later---nothing going on just yet.

naomi.manders@mncppc-mc.org or 301-650-4395 (on leave til June 1)

MNCPPC Report Montgomery County

MNCPPC is happy to report we've completed a very ambitious spring schedule and built many new trails this spring, all with volunteers who've donated hundreds of hours. I'm also pleased with the growing equestrian response which is so critical now that the County is becoming so developed. If you want to ride the trails, you'll have to share them with other users which means courtesy and training for your mount. New trails need to be reviewed for equestrian safety which often means more work during construction so we need your presence on workdays. Even though there are fewer equestrians than mountain bikers, they appreciate your help and I believe the bikers are trying hard to understand equestrian concerns. The level of user conflict is almost nil. Meanwhile I get lots of reports on trail design problems which is good. Keep it coming!

Kudos to Terry Ledley for her ambassadorial efforts at Fairland and Peggy Bree (MHC Trails and Greenways) who wrote such an informative article in the May issue of the Equiery. Do read it!

New trails almost ready:

Fairland Holly Trail North and South is about 90 % complete. There is one spot at far south end where stream bank collapsing and no signage yet. Call Terry Ledley for a guided tour with someone who knows the trails. No signs on south end yet either.

Agricultural History Farm Park on the meadow to the left of the paved parking areas off small gravel road. Explore both north and south (new loops) Check out the underpass at Airpark Rd. and ride the Tree Farm Trail (as yet unmarked) from the bridge to Rte.124. Please stay away from all buildings, old and new. Always stay on obvious trails---no bushwhacking! I hope to get signs up eventually! There are also accesses from Millhaven Stable on Rolling Road but you should call one of their boarders to park there.

Muddy Branch Trail will be safe soon. Beware that some of the old eroded trails may be closed and there are still some hidden stumps and holes on what appears to be a safe trail. As of this writing, am hoping to fix those hazards this weekend. Please check with the manager of Potomac Horse Center if you plan to park there.

Woodstock is informally open. Signs may go up soon and an internet map will be available. Try both north and south sides of Rte. 28 in Dickerson. Fly spray recommended in summer!

Seneca Creek Greenway Trail Due for "equestrian review" in July. There are hidden hazards. If you are interested in addressing the problems with me please call me for details. It is unsafe to ride between Damascus and Rte. 355 until then and horses are not allowed between Black Rock Road and Rte.355.

Best wishes for a happy, safe summer!
www.montgomerytrails.org

Naomi 301-650-4395

Please **email** your articles to tallyhotazz@aol.com **by July 10 th** for the August newsletter.

Limited Time Offer!! 25th Anniversary Polo Shirt

Hit the trail this spring with our new 25th Anniversary polo shirt.

It's a bright yellow/gold, with black logo and trim on the collar and cuffs. Beneath the logo are the words: "Celebrating Our 25th Year - 2005."

We will place an order for only as many of these limited-edition shirts as you say you want, so let us hear from you right away. The shirt is \$20 if you wish to pick it up in Woodbine or at a Board Meeting. If we mail it to you, add \$2.

Name:

Address:

Phone/e-mail:

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How Many?

Send to: Anne Bennof, 2445 Gillis Falls Rd.,
Woodbine, MD 21797

Questions: 301 829 0949



When you find a place that is unsafe to cross, it's important to mark it for other riders.

During the early part of April, I had an experience that reminded me how quickly things can go wrong on the trail. We were on our way home and crossed a stream that we'd crossed many times before. My friend, Mike, went up the bank with some difficulty and I was too close behind to turn around. My mare sunk into the mud, up to her hips in the back. Her front legs were folded beneath her. She struggled for a few minutes and then stood very still and shook. There are few things worse than seeing a noble horse stuck and unable to move. Fortunately, our friends, Cathy Diamond and Ross Bowersett, had previously experienced having a horse stuck in the mud and knew just what to do. I jumped off Lady as soon as I realized we were in trouble and once she stopped struggling, they pulled off my saddle and unsnapped the bit from her bridle. (I always use reins that clip onto the bit and it proved useful here.) Mike and Ross put the girth around Lady's stomach just in front of her hind legs. Kathy waded out into the stream behind Lady and splashed and yelled at the same time that Mike and Ross pulled up on the girth. Amazingly, Lady was able to turn herself around and go back into the stream where the footing was better. She scrambled up the bank and joined her friends, totally unfazed by the whole event. One thing Cathy stressed was that when a horse gets stuck, you can't let them stay still for long because they quickly give up. When her horse, Tradewind, got stuck when she was riding alone, she got a passerby to throw rocks into the water to scare her horse into moving.

I don't know how you determine when a stream/river is unsafe for crossing. This one looked ok to me. After heavy rains, banks that have been used many times before may change. When you find a place that is unsafe to cross, it's important to mark it for other riders.

Kyle Jossie

CLASSIFIED ADS

Please **e-mail** to tallyhotazz@aol.com. Classified ad: \$6.00 for first 100 words, \$.10 for each additional word 1/4 page ad or business card: \$25.00 1/2 page ad: \$40.00 Full page: \$75.00 Insert (all copies delivered to out printer): \$50.00 Please have all ads in by **July 10th** for August newsletter.

RIDING PARTNER WANTED: Looking for compatible riding partner, Smithsburg MD area. Evenings, after 5:30 PM and weekends. I trailer out to local parks and am willing to provide transport within reason. My geldings and I are looking for human and equine partners who just want to have fun!
Elisa 301-824-6152, beaststwo@yahoo.com

WANTED FEMALE ROOMMATE: Female Roommate House to share in country near Union Bridge. Bring your horse. \$425 a month plus ½ electric. Nancy 301-639-4448

PENNSYLVANIA HORSE TRAIL, HORSE CAMPING, AND HORSE & CARRIAGE GUIDEBOOKS:

All trails are open to the public. To order, send name, address, phone number, & check as follows:

> **Ride Pennsylvania Horse Trails-Part I, the Eastern Half of PA** (50+ trails in central to eastern PA):
Send check for \$26.95 (\$28.33 PA residents).

> **Ride Pennsylvania Horse Trails-Part II, the Western Half of PA** (40+ trails in central to western PA):
Send check for \$27.95 (\$29.39 PA residents).

> **SAVE on Book Set-Part I & II, the whole state of PA.** That's 90+ trails! Send check for \$48.00 (\$50.88 PA residents). PA prices include tax. Include this ad with order. Mail to Hit The Trail Publications, LLC, P.O. Box 970, Cherryville, PA 18035. Check out our website for coming events! FMI or to order by credit card visit our Website: www.PAtrail.com.

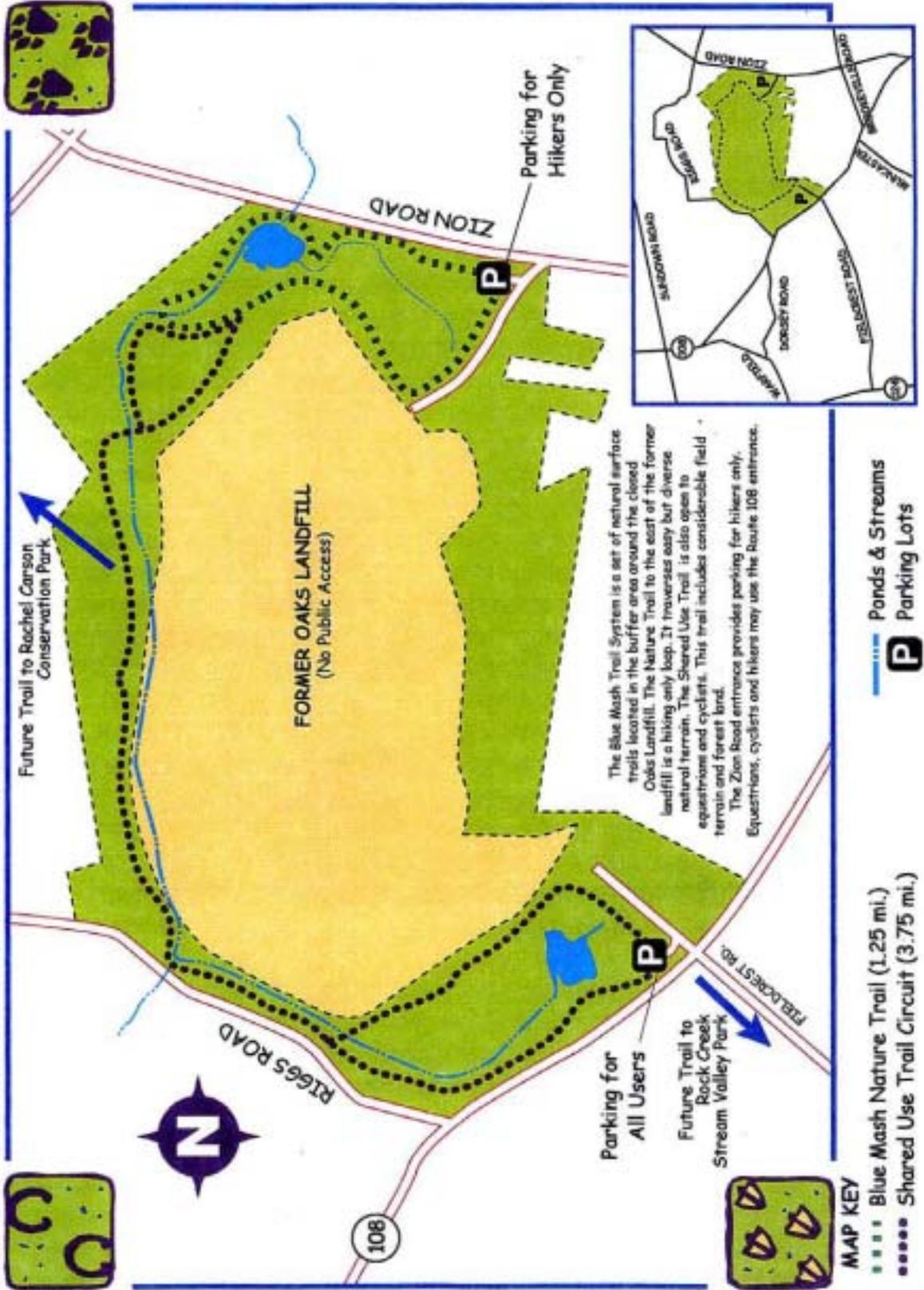
NEW HORSE BOOKS/GAMES FOR LESS THAN RETAIL: All prices include shipping no tax! Horse Farm Read-and-Play Sticker Book \$9.50 (for kids!); Storey's Guide to Raising horses by Heather Smith \$17.00 (soft cover); Storey's Guide to Training Horses by Heath smith \$17.00 (soft cover); Horses & Friends Poster Book \$9.50 (posters suitable for framing!); "Jump!" Horse Card Game! \$9.50 – Stampede Horse Card Game! \$9.50 (2 card games suitable for families...great gifts!); Storey's Guide to Feeding Horses \$17.00 (soft cover). Contact us @ HorseBooks4Less@aol.com to order or for additional information on any of these items. Order Any or All!

National Trails Day

National Trails Day® is a nationwide celebration of trails, bringing together thousands of outdoor enthusiasts to participate in educational exhibits, trail dedications, instructional workshops and trail work projects. Held each year on the first Saturday in June, National Trails Day provides an opportunity to introduce trails to new users, and to thank the many volunteers who help preserve and maintain trails. TROT will have promotional materials and information on National Trails Day available at the Judged Pleasure Ride on Saturday, June 4.

For more information go to: NTD@AmericanHiking.org

BLUE MASH TRAIL SYSTEM



Calendar Of Events *You must show a current negative Coggins at each Ride*

Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on the ride and for information about time and parking. When an email address is listed, this is the preferred method for contact. All participants must be Trot members because of our insurance. Ride leaders will have Trot application forms available for non-members.

Tuesday June 7– TROT Board Meeting at Sandy Boyd 301 774 0495 7pm

Saturday June 12 – Rocky Gorge Reservoir with Terry Ledley (301-776-2661) See last month's newsletter for additional information

Saturday, June 18th (rain date Sunday, June 19th) Union Mills, Carroll County, north of Westminster. Would you believe the leaders of this ride met on a Trot ride? The pace will be mostly walk and trot, 2 ½ - 3 hours. The trail is very hilly so be sure your horse is in good shape. Bring a lunch. Contact Helen and Curt Meadows at 410-346-6730.

Saturday, June 25th Jug Bay. South of Upper Marlboro off 301. There will be 2 speeds, fast and faster! Hilly, streams, but you don't need shoes. Small park user fee. Contact Jan Chrypinski at 410-798-5224.

Sunday, June 26th **Free Trailering Clinic by Jim Brainard. Carroll Community College Parking Lot. Max 10 Trailers. Contact Pat Talbott for reservation email Tallyhotazz@aol.com**

Saturday, July 2nd Little Bennett, medium and fast pace. Led by Lisa Hackett 301-831-8580.

Tuesday July 5th—TROT Board Meeting Pat Merson 301 898 3251 7pm

Sunday, July 10th – Travilla Loop or Muddy Branch. The pace will be "brisk", mostly trotting. Approximately 2 ½ hours. Contact Sheila O'Donnell at 202-431-9471 for information.

Saturday, July 16th (rain date Sunday July 17th) Marilyn Miller will show us the beautiful trails of Catocin Mountain Park. There is only room for parking 6-8 rigs so sign up early. (301-898-7274)

Saturday, July 23rd Annapolis Rock/Patapsco. Light cantering with some small obstacles to jump. (can go around) Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after the ride. Contact Melinda Bennett 410-875-0481.

Saturday, July 30th Catocin Mountain/Frederick County Watershed/Lewiston Overlook. Rocky trail, mostly walking with some trotting. Part of the trail is wooded so this will be perfect for a summer ride. Horses should be shod or have easy boots. Led by Johnna Wheeler 301-293-3207.

August 13th- (Rain date Sunday, August 14th.) Codorus. (East of Hanover.) Easy, wide dirt trails. Ride along the lake, some roads. Relaxed trotting pace, 2 hours. Great summer ride! Contact Debbie Fuson at 717-334-0893 for additional information.

Sunday, August 21st. Fair Hills could easily be heaven on earth. Located up 95 almost to the Delaware line, it is worth the drive to see these beautiful trails with JoAnn Kricker who knows them like the back of her hand. The pace will be walk/trot. Contact JoAnn at 410-287-9343.

Saturday, August 27th. Leave from the League (near Ellicott City), slow pace. Contact Anne Moe 410-781-4165.

Additional rides.....etc, put these on your calendar and look for details in the next newsletter.
 September 3rd, Manassas, John Pavlos, cell 443-722-7390. Email (preferred) jpavlos@aol.com
 September 11th, Joy Sappington, Little Bennett 301-874-8169
 September 17th, Southern Maryland, Angela Patton 410-353-7299
 September 24th, Annapolis Rock, Deneen Martin 301-253-2955
 October 15th, Rosaryville or Cedarville, Donna Newman (410-535-1424)
 October 29th, Patauxant, Susan Charbonneau, charbonneaus@mail.ncifcrf.gov, 301-865-3399.

Frederick County

Saturday April 16, Marilyn Miller and Pat Mercer helped clear trails at Cunningham Falls State Park. There will be more days coming up. We also rode the short trail at Camp David and they were in pretty good shape. (5 down trees) Will be doing the long trail soon.

Marilyn and I will be at Point of Rocks for History in Motion @ The Point of Rocks.

Frederick county has a new comprehensive planner by the name of Dennis Superzynski. He seems willing to listen about the inclusion of horses on multi use trails. He informed me the Frederick County Bikeways and Trails Map has been updated.

Hopefully there will be trail clearing in the county this year.

Please contact Pat Merson at lilgreyhrs@aol.com if you are interested in clearing trails.

Pat Merson

Howard County

County Executive Jim Robey will not allow me to join the advisory committee for the Western Regional Park on Carr Mills. This leaves no representative to look after the trails in the park. Park director Gary Arthur will invite me as his guest to the meeting. Director Arthur wants to delay setting up the trails until the maintenance building is constructed. I am setting up a meeting with Mr. Robey

We do have some great news. The zoning board has included our request for an easement from Schooly Mills Park to the WSSC property. The Rec Dept. is requesting a 4 foot asphalt pathway be included. I will have to look into this.

There are many different easements and parcels in the county. There are environmental preservation parcels and trust easements, rural legacy easements and historical easements. I need to know if anyone is riding any of these areas or if the land is suitable for trails. There is no reason to set up trails if nobody is there to ride. You need to talk with me and be willing to work to get the trails.

Pat Oliva

FREE TRAILERING CLINIC

Sunday June 26th

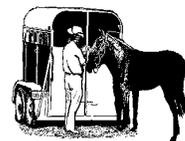
**At Carroll County Community College Parking Lot
Westminister, MD**

Maximum 10 Trailers

**Contact Pat Talbott for reservation
email Tallyhotazz@aol.com**

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Trailer Hookup, and Backing Lessons

TRAILER SAFETY SELF-EVALUATION

Analyze How to Reduce Any Risk

1. Check the Hitch on your Tow Vehicle. (Welds, Bolts, Metal)
2. Check the Ball Nut. (Is Ball correct size) (Grease)
3. Check the Safety Chains. (2)
4. Check the Tires. (Air) (4) + Spare
5. Check the Latches on all the Doors.
6. Check the Safety Brake-Away Switch Assembly.
7. Check and adjust the Braking System.
8. Check Jack, Wrench And Wheel Blocking. (Wheel Lift)
9. Check Trailer Ventilation System. (Windows & Vents)
10. Check all Lights. (Tow Vehicle and Trailer)

REAR BACKING OF TRAILER

1. Think Safety. (Back Slow, Think of your Horse)
2. Seat Belts on.
3. Mirrors adjusted. Left, Right, Rear.
4. Check behind Trailer.
5. Have someone watch for you if available. (Back and Sides)
6. Windows down to listen for noise and talking.
7. ***Place Hand at Bottom of Steering Wheel ***
8. Begin backing and move hand in the direction you want the trailer to go.
9. Check both Mirrors at all times.
10. Practice backing in a straight line. (50 yards)
11. After you can back straight, practice backing at a 45 degree angle.
12. If things go bad. Pull up until the Tow Vehicle and Trailer are straight again.
After 45 Degree angles are OK. Practice Turns. Keep Trailer in same place in mirror to maintain arc. Practice Right and Left Turns.
13. Too sharp of a turn can damage your Tow Vehicle, Hitch, or Trailer.
Test and Know your Limits.

TRAILER TIRE CHANGING

1. Loosen Lug Bolts before Jacking Trailer.
2. Jack up Trailer at proper point.
3. If not using Jack, pull Trailer forward so good Tire is on Lift. (Block, Lift, Stone)
4. Remove Lugs and install Spare.

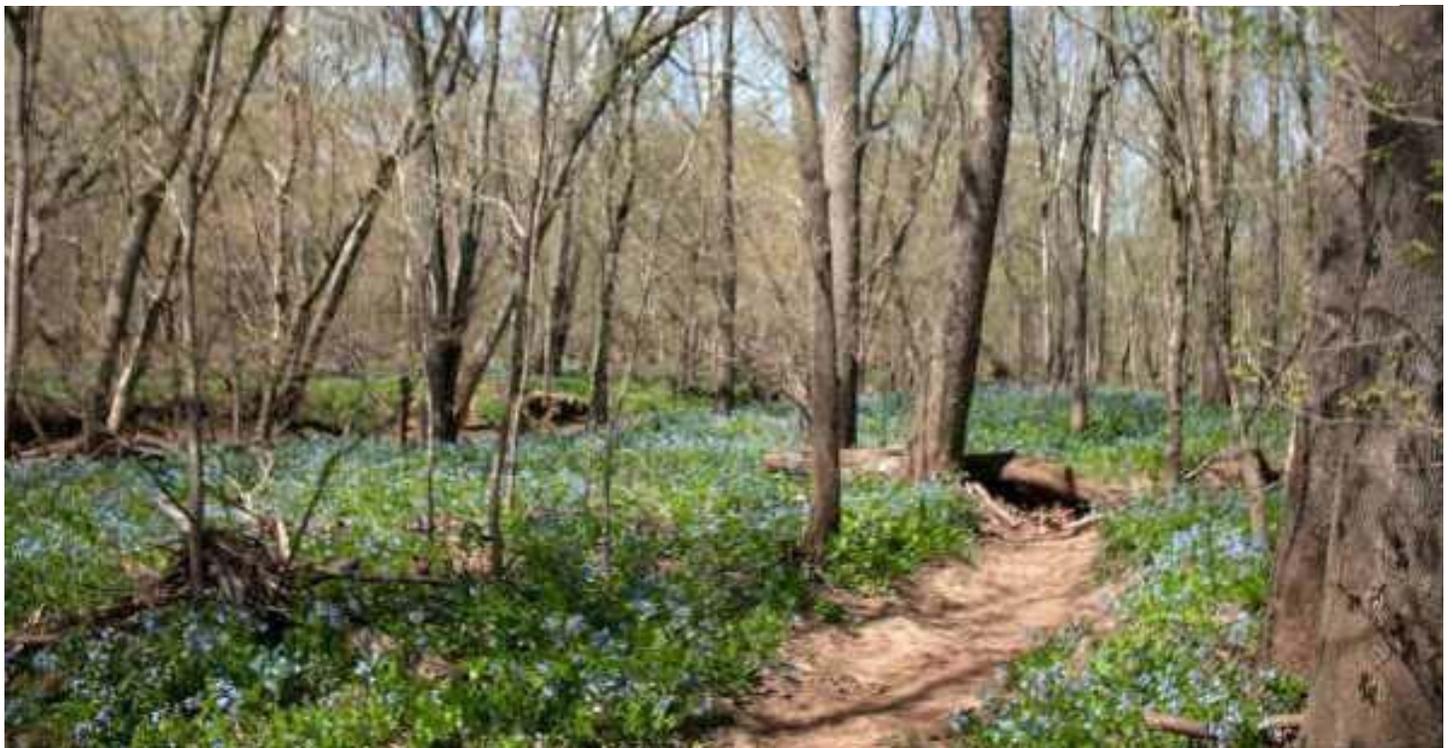
Blue Bell Ride – TROT & The Clifton Horse Society

It was a magnificent Sat. to ride, so Deneen and I hit the road to Centerville (always an adventure!). We were cheerfully welcomed by our ride coordinator, Mary Flowers and the rest of the Blue Bell riders in beautiful; Bull Run Park. If you didn't come you missed an incredible ride (are you jealous yet!?!?!). Mary took us through trails that intertwined through the carpets of flowers along the river bed for a fabulous ride! We then branched off with another group to explore even more trails along the river! Virginia is beautiful! Thanks to Mary Flowers and our friends at the Clifton Horse Society for hosting this ride and giving a grand representation of Bull Run Park. Simply fabulous!

~Michelle Beachley



We were riding with CHS royalty! Pictured from Right to Left: From CHS - Laurie Sachleben (newsletter), Nancy Lucas (trail obstacle Master & JPR), Kathy Jayne (President), Jean Voss (Vice President), Mary Flowers (Membership Director) & from TROT Deneen Martin, Michelle Beachley



Prince George's County

I wish to express great appreciation to our members who said an unqualified "YES", when I asked them to give up riding time for 4 or 5 trail work sessions at Fairland Regional Park. I know from conversations with various members that they have given time to their local trails, too. Thank You All!

Next, a Thank you goes out to Priscilla Huffman and Jane Toal for adding horsemen's testimony before the Montgomery Planning Board regarding the possible land swap and development of Fairland Regional Park into a golf-course/housing development.

Applause goes out to our County Councilmen and Women, as well as State Senator Gloria Lawlah who have been actively supportive of trail preservation and connection matters as they have come up throughout the year.

Especially helpful in Subregion I, (Laurel, Beltsville, etc.) has been my Councilman, Thomas Dernoga. He has the vision to retain outdoor amenities, and puts himself on the line for them. Thank you, Mr. Dernoga!

Fred Schafer, of the Planning department in M-NCPPC, has given good attention to implementation of the master Plan trails when subdivision and development plans are submitted to the County! His support is essential, as you know. Thank you, Fred!

Mary Angevine
Spring, 2005

TROT Treasurer's Report for April 2005

Expenses:

April 2005 Expenses: \$883.45
Verizon Bill: \$20.42
C. Amick - Shirt Refund: \$6.00
Gasch Printing - April 2005 Newsletter: \$857.03
Printing and Collating: \$503.00
Sealing and Labeling: \$125.00
First Class Postage for 619 Newsletters: \$229.03

Income:

April 2005 Income: \$722.78
Return of Hall Deposit: \$100.00
Classified Ad: \$6.00
Shirt Sales: \$50.00
Memberships: \$560.00
Interest on Savings: \$1.48
Interest on Time Deposit: \$5.30

Bank Balances

Bank Balances as of May 1, 2005:
Checking Acct: \$565.12
Savings Acct: \$6,052.22
Time Deposit (Mapping Fund): \$6,476.53

Kathy Dobson,
TROT Treasurer

For the latest news, membership application and information be sure to check our website:

New on the web side Blue Mash Trail area, Montgomery County
See map on page 6 of this issue

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Trail Ride Results

Our trail riding season got off to a wet start. Our first ride, to be led by Lisa Troutman at Little Bennett, due to rain or change it to a "sail" ride. We rescheduled it for April 23rd.

The weather was perfect for Gail Ford's ride at Ware-daca the following week. The ride was attended by Deneen Martin, Priscilla Huffman, and Jacki Edens.

Mary Flowers led the Bluebell Ride at Bull Run Park on April - see report from Michelle Beachley.

Mary Prowell led a ride at Paint Branch on April 17th and reported "weather beautiful – very good ride." Carole and Scott Raymond, Doris Kendig, Bob Rosen, Priscilla Huffman, Terry Ledley, and Barb and Dennis Webb attended the ride.

Kyle Jossie

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Here are a couple more pictures from The Blue Bell Ride.

