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TROT Information

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# Who's Who in TROT Officers

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#### **COMMITTEES**

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# TROT Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday February 24, 2007

6 PM

Howard County Fair Ground Dining Hall

Silent Auction

Please bring your favorite dish of food to share according to the first letter of your last name

A-C Appetizers D-G Desserts H-K Salads L-Z Main Dish

For more information contact Pat Talbott email: ptalbott@insuranceservices.com

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#### President's message

Have you ever noticed how often horse people talk about the special camaraderie that we have with each other? There's a bond among horse lovers that transcends relationships in a unique way. Get a group of horse folks together, and there won't be much else talked about except stories of our experiences with horses. Funny stories, scary stories, warm stories, loving stories, questions, answers, opinions (lots of those!) but always the horses seem to dominate our conversation.

What is it about these wonderful special animals in our lives that is so compelling? Whatever it is that draws us to them also seem to draw us to each other. It is an unnamed unity that we treasure, yet find hard to articulate.

For TROT members, there's no better place to experience these special friendships – whether 2-legged or 4-legged – than at our TROT ANNUAL DINNER. If you want to get excited about TROT and what our group represents, this is the place to be on FEBRUARY 24. The energy level is always high, the food is good, and that special camaraderie is in abundance.

So come to our Annual Dinner, meet old and new friends, share your stories, and enjoy the evening. We look forward to a big crowd again this year!

Priscilla Huffman President, TROT

#### SILENT AUCTION AT TROT ANNUAL DINNER

PLEASE LOOK THROUGH YOUR TACK AND RIDING CLOTHES FOR ANY ITEMS THAT CAN BE DONATED TO OUR SILENT AUCTION. SOME EXAMPLES: TACK (GENTLY USED), RIDING LESSONS, A CERTIFICATE FOR HORSE SITTING FOR SOMEONE IN YOUR AREA, SPORTS OR THEATRE TICKETS, A GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANT, MASSEUSE, OR NAIL SALON (OR THEY MAY BE WILLING TO DONATE SERVICES). THINK ABOUT WHERE YOUR TALENTS LIE – THIS MAY BE THE SOURCE OF A TERRIFIC DONATION. TO DISCUSS A DONATION, PLEASE CONTACT KYLE JOSSI BOSSYJOSSI@NETSCAPE.COM OR 301-570-3860.

ATTEND THE AUCTION, BRING YOUR FRIEND, SPEND MONEY, AND HAVE FUN!

# **Annual Membership Application**

New Membership	Membership F	Renewal for Year 200
Name of applicant		
Spouse/Sig. Other	Other Family	
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County	Ride In	
Home Phone		
Work/Alt Phone	E-mail	
Annual membership rates for January 1 – December 31:		
<ul> <li>One year single or family membership</li> <li>Contributing member</li> <li>Sustaining member</li> <li>Additional contributions</li> </ul>	\$20.00 per year \$30.00 per year \$50.00 per year \$	
Please make checks payable to Trail Riders of Today, and send this form and your check to:		
Melinda Bennett, TROT Membership Chair 2259 Ridge Rd., 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 deductible.		
VOLUNTEER WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please check any areas where you would be willing to assist.		
Public Hearings County Coordinator Fund Raise Booth/Shows Trail Clearing Photography	Directory Trail Mapping Website	Ride Leader Newsletter Judged Pleasure Ride
<ul> <li>DIRECTORY</li> <li>Please check here if you do NOT want your contact information listed in our membership directory (default is as above).</li> <li>OR, if you wish to be listed, but only want partial information included please indicate what info. can be prinited in the membership directory.</li> </ul>		
Name Full 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.		

#### REPORT FROM THE TRAIL RIDE COORDINATOR

John Angevine led his traditional end of season ride last November along the College Park to Bladensburg trails. The views of the North East Branch and Anacostia rivers were breath taking. I have no doubt that John enjoyed his ride accompanied by the following lovely women – Priscilla Huffman, Lori Lobel, Nancy Osgood, and Crystal and Melissa Anthony.

We've already lined up several rides for the spring in time to get the information out to members. Please check the web site for updates. At several of our board meetings, we've held discussions about publishing the start time and location of our rides. For now, we're going to leave it that interested riders contact the ride leader for that information. I feel this gives the ride leader an opportunity to communicate directly with the riders and lets them know exactly who is coming. If you would like to see this done differently, please let me know.

We are trying to change the focus of our rides this year to include FOOD. Ride leaders will be encouraged to organize a pot luck meal or large snack for after the ride. For all the rides mentioned below (except Anna Slaysman's) participants are asked to bring their own drinks, plates, and silverware.

#### **Upcoming rides and events**

#### **Trail Riding Clinic for Beginning Trail Riders**

Saturday, March 31st at the Montgomery Agricultural Farm Park. See article for details.

#### Sunday April 1st -Deneen Martin's Annual April Fools Day Ride

Led by our favorite April fool of course. The focus of this ride will be on our novice trail riders, folks who have always wanted to trail ride but felt that they needed some extra help or a more controlled environment. Hopefully they will have attended the **Beginning Trail Riding Clinic** the day before. We will have several seasoned trail riders on their dead quiet horses to help out. There will also be a leader for a faster ride. We'll have a pot luck lunch after the ride where Mike Gafney will serve his famous chili. If you've never ridden at the Ag Park, you're in for a treat. Contact Kyle Jossi for more info and to sign up. 301-570-3860 or bossyjossi@netscape.com.

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Paint Branch Trails led by Mary Prowell.** This will be a faster ride, you must be able to trot and canter. The Paint Branch trails are in Montgomery County and are some of the original TROT trails. Pot luck lunch planned for after the ride. Contact Mary at 301-829-7709.

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - C & 0 Canal and surrounding park area led by Anna Slaysman.** This trail ride is a favorite Trot tradition and has something for everyone! A wonderful lunch served by Anna, 3 ride leaders so you can choose your own pace. Riders will meet at Anna's farm in Dickerson, Maryland. You are welcome to bring a dish for lunch if you wish. Contact Anna Slaysman at 301-972-8187.

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Rocky Gorge Water Shed.** (Rain date Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>.) The time of this ride is scheduled so that riders can enjoy the beautiful mountain laurel. Rocky Gorge is in PG County near Laurel, MD. Terry Ledley and Snuffy will lead a walking ride, a moderately paced ride will be led by Barb (Why ride anything but an Icy) and Denis Webb. A pot luck is planned for afterwards.

I am working on rides for the rest of the year but I need more members to volunteer to be ride leaders. *If you've never done it before, call me and I'll be glad to tell you what's involved.* Most leaders volunteer year after year because they have so much fun! It's a great opportunity to meet other Trot members and maybe find a new trail buddy.

#### UPDATE ON THE SILENT AUCTION FROM KYLE JOSSI

The Annual Dinner and Silent Auction are rapidly approaching. We've already received many wonderful donations – things you didn't know you couldn't live without and some great bargains. The money from your purchases at the auction goes directly to support TROT activities and programs.

Please keep those donations coming. We accept new and gently used horse supplies. But it doesn't necessarily have to be horse related; just something you think someone else might want. Also, keep your eyes out in the community. If there is a retailer or service provider, ask them if they would be willing to make a donation. They are probably already familiar with Trot and would be happy to have the publicity. The best way to contact me is by email (bossyjossi@netscape.com) or phone (301-570-3860) to discuss your donations for the Silent Auction. If you are coming to the Annual Dinner, please bring your donated items to the dinner. Arrangements can be made to drop off items ahead of times.

I am still looking for volunteers to help the night of the Silent Auction especially with set up and money collections at the end.

#### TRAIL GUIDES

Please see your January newsletter or check the Trot web site for a list of TROT members willing to show other Trot members their favorite trails on an individual basis. You can contact them directly for a personal guided trail ride.

#### IN SEARCH OF....

A person who is interested in trail riding and willing to haul in exchange for some financial reimbursement. I board right now in the Emmitsburg, MD. area right off RT 15 across from MT. St. Mary's College. I am also interested in relocating my horse if necessary to a clean barn near moderately extensive trails within about and hours drive of the Emmitsburg area. I would be willing to help with chores during weekend and summer. She is a very likeable racking horse. Sound and friendly. Six years old. Up to date on all vaccinations and coggins. sallysharonsuder@aim.com

#### TRAIL RIDING FOR BEGINNERS CLINIC

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 10AM to 2PM at the Ag Farm Park, Muncaster Road, West of Olney.

Free to TROT members. You must be a TROT member to attend, but membership applications will be available at the clinic. Lunch will be served.

This clinic is for you if you have always wanted to enjoy trail riding with your horse but were reluctant to try it. Topics will include

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#### HOWARD COUNTY UPDATE

The Howard County Parks Department has purchased the tools that I requested and I am in the process of laying out the trail in the Western Region Park. The three days I spent in Green Ridge (trails project) has been invaluable. You always get more than you give.

Pat Oliva

#### The Maryland Horse Council

Presents

Sat., March 17, 2007 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Glenwood Community Center 2400 Route 97, Glenwood, MD 2007 Featured Topic: Equine Laminitis

This seminar will provide a comprehensive review of this devastating disease. An update of the latest concepts about common causes and risk factors will be presented. These will include Equine Metabolic Syndrome (Insulin Resistance) and Cushings Disease. Practical strategies to reduce your horse's risk of laminitis will also be discussed. The lectures will be presented by distinguished experts and researchers in the areas of equine internal medicine and equine nutrition.

Featured speakers include:

Ray Geor, VVSc, PhD
Diplomat, American College of Veterinary Internal
Medicine, Director of Research The Paul Mellon
Distinguished Professor of Agriculture Middleburg
Ag Research and Extension Center, Virginia Tech

Amy Burk, PhD Horse Extension Specialist, AGNR-Animal and Avian Sciences, University of MD, College Park

Plus a lunchtime guest speaker on establishing USDA-approved quarantine facilities in MD

Registration Fee: \$45, includes lunch Deadline March 1

FMI: Contact Dr. Mike Erskine at 301-829-4977 or e-mail at mikedvm@aol.com

Make check out to MD Horse Council P. O. Box 233 Lisbon, MD 21765

#### **GOOD-BYE**

It is with great regret that I announce the passing of my colorful Appaloosa, Chief Boss Hoss. For nearly ten vears he and I had many adventures together. I bought him from a friend just days before my father's unexpected death from a sudden heart attack. Chief kept me busy through that very difficult time, as he had a few bad habits for me to work on. His favorites were throwing tie fits, bucking and rearing while being mounted, prancing, and running away. A lot of patience and ingenuity was required to turn him into the perfect gentleman most of you remember. Chief was always eager to be caught, to be ridden, or to jump in the trailer. He was never lazy and never balked at an obstacle. Together we went camping, placed in Competitive Trail Rides, and finished the League of MD Horsemen's Four Day Challenge Ride sound, fit and ready for a fifth day. The "Dalmatian Horse" attracted so much attention in public that I often threatened to dye him black. For six years he proudly carried my husband Chris on trail rides, parades and searches for lost people. Unfortunately, like many light-skinned horses, he developed cancer. After several surgeries and increasingly serious recurrences, we finally made the very difficult decision to end his suffering. He will be forever remembered and greatly missed by all who knew him. He was a brave, wise and very special horse.

Kathy Dobson



We would like to show our support of the Pennsylvania Equine Council!

Visit us at Booth#237 at the PA Horse World Expo-Harrisburg (2/22-2/25) &

# \*\*\* **SAVE** \$10.00\*\*\* per book with a 2007

# Pennsylvania Equine Coundl (PEC) membership on the purchase of either or both

## "Ride Pennsylvania Horse Trails" guidebooks

Can't make the Expo? Order guides by mail, send address, & check to Hit The Trail Publications, LLC, P.O. Box 970, Cherryville, PA 18035:

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

Send proof of your 2007 PEC membership & take \$10 off Part I= \$18.33 (\$16.95 non-PA residents)

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Send proof of your 2007 PEC membership & take \$20 off Book Set = \$36 (\$33 non-PA residents)

FMI on Guidebooks, see: www.PAtrail.com; FMI on Expo: www.horseworldexpo.com

#### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

Please e-mail to QHdal@aol.com.com. Classified ad: \$6.00 for first 100 words, \$.10 for each additional word, business card: \$6.00, 1/4 page ad: \$25, 1/2 page ad: \$40.00, Full page: \$75.00 Insert (all copies delivered to our printer): \$50.00

#### HORSE TACK/SUPPLIES FOR SALE: Trail

riding equipment, english/western: nylon bridles, breastcollars, halter/bridles, saddle pads w/pockets, other items. Please call Elizabeth for more information and list of items 410-245-8942

#### **SELF BOARD 9 MILES FROM U.S. CAPITAL**

**BUILDING:** Lovely 1-2 horse barn/pasture along Potomac River near Wilson Bridge. (301) 292-6130 farm; (202) 307-9075 (work).

**WANTED TO BUY:** A quiet, well broke Quarter Horse gelding for pleasure riding. Should be serviceably sound, 7 years old, and 15.2 or 15.3 hands. Call: Alan Ungar (301) 340-1392 Email: alanungar@ alanungar.com

GAITED TRAIL HORSE 14 y.o., 15.2 Standardbred gelding. Goes anywhere on the trail. Very friendly, laid-back personality. Vet & farrier love him. Loads himself on trailer. Easy keeper. UTD on all shots, worming, teeth, etc. Push-button gaited. Needs intermediate rider. Looking for the right person who will enjoy. Anne 301-829-0949

# December 2006 TROT Treasurer's Report

December 2006 Expenses: \$49.44

TROT Dinner Meeting - December 2006:

\$30.00

Verizon (TROT Information Line): \$19.44

December 2006 Income: \$17.10

Time Deposit Interest: \$13.60 Savings Acct Interest: \$3.50

Bank Balances as of January 1, 2007:

Checking Acct.: \$278.08 Savings Acct.: \$16,031.36

Time Deposit (Mapping Fund): \$6,720.88

Kathy Dobson, Treasurer Trail Riders of Today

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