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TROT Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday February 24, 2007

6 PM

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

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President's message

Ask any trail rider, and most will tell you that Fall riding is about as good as it gets. With beautiful autumn colors, a nip in the air, and no bugs, this is a perfect time to ride. Recently I had a chance to ride from the Sandy Spring area near Sherwood High School with a fairly large group - almost all TROT members. This area encompasses some of the oldest "TROT trails" - parts of trail systems that TROT members worked on many years ago to create easements so that long-established trails would continue to be available over the years.

As development has continued to move into the area, our trail system has gotten more narrow, but I was amazed at what a beautiful ride is still possible through these lovely meadows and woods. Yes, there are houses not too far away, and in places we are riding down the sidewalk to the next trail opening, but somehow it all works together in a very special way.

The crowning touch to this ride came near the end, as we came out of the woods and into a new development of homes on our way back to the trailers. A community member who was working in his front yard waved to us and said "Please bring your horses through here any time. We love to see them. They are so beautiful!" We all thanked him profusely and I know some of us were shifting our priorities inwardly as we realized that although our landscapes are changing, the warmth that we can show each other, regardless of our diverse interests, could overpower some of our regret at losing our beautiful fields.

As our trail systems meld into the growing communities, let's hope that we can continue to feel grateful for the trails that still exist and that we are working hard to integrate into a changing landscape. And let us also remember the special magic that a horse can have - whether we are riding far out onto remote fields, or just walking past a neighbor's front door.

Priscilla Huffman



Annual Membership Application

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Name of applicant _____

Spouse/Sig. Other _____ Other Family _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Ride In _____

Home Phone _____

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- One year single or family membership \$20.00 per year
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- Additional contributions \$_____

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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.

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Howard County Update

The summer has been a blast but I have done little work on the trails. I am still waiting for the boundary lines to be mark in the Western Reg. Park. They have put more hockey/soccer fields in the grass land. Sadly the park is becoming nothing but playing fields-BUT there will be bridle trails there this fall. They are working in the area where the trailer parking will be, the tools we will need are ready and the park officially seem willing.

I know I said this in my last report but I have talked to Gary about trailer parking for Benson Park. At this point entry is at the good will of surrounding neighbors. Does anyone have any suggestion ? Is there someplace you put off the road that is on park property? I have driven around and been unable to find a location.

A few months ago I put a plea in the newsletter for help. The Wassermann's answered and a wonderful young lady who's name and number I put in a special place in my computer. It crashed and I lost her name. If you read this PLEASE call back and give me another chance!!!

Friendship is the next park scheduled for construction. They are proposing a golf course but that does"t mean no horse trails. If you ride that area get back with me if trails are needed.

Pat Oliva
Howard Co. Coordinator

Carroll Co. Update

On several occasions I have reported on the much-anticipated trail improvements and expansion scheduled to take place in Gillis Falls Park. In fact, those who have ridden there with the past year have seen many colored ribbons all over the park hinting at trail planning in progress.

Well, guess what? All work came to a screeching halt a few months ago when it was decided to again pursue a reservoir on this site. (Actually, the land had originally been purchased by the County for this purpose, but plans were shelved years ago and the land has been used for a park.) Apparently the reservoir is again being explored, so trail planning is on hold.

It could take years for final action to be taken one way or the other. In the meantime, we will continue to enjoy the existing trails as before and will await further developments. Stay tuned.

Anne Bennof
Carroll Co. Coordinator

Always Wear a Helmet

Marilynn Miller

TROT member Marjorie Rothschild called me to set up a time for me to show her the trail at Catoctin Mountain Park. We met on a cool, clear morning in August. My only problem was that I had left my helmet in my other trailer. My horse was a trusty veteran of thousands of miles of trail riding. We may have parted company once in ten years. What could happen?

Out we went on the six mile trail – mostly at a walk. Almost halfway into the ride a spider web got me – WHAP- across my left eye and into my hair. My right hand shot up to whisk it away and off went my glasses. They hit my horse's rump and fell into the underbrush.

Marjorie dismounted and spent several minutes trying to find the glasses. Finally I tied my bandana on a branch and we finished the ride.

Using the prescription dark glasses I had in my truck I loaded up and drove as close as I could get to the part of the trail I had lost my glasses. After a 20 minute walk I found my bandana and a friendly hiker helped me look and located my unhurt glasses.

Two more reason to always wear your helmet when riding:

1. To keep spider webs out of your hair
2. The chin strap helps to hold your glasses in place.

**THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK
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**DEER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES
APPROVED**

SILVER SPRING, MD - The Montgomery County Department of Parks plans to continue its deer management strategies this fall and winter. These initiatives will include carefully managed shotgun hunts in which only hunters who meet the highest level of state and county safety standards are permitted to participate.

Each participating park location will be closed from sunrise until sunset on hunting day(s) (see schedule below). Appropriate park closing notices will be posted throughout each park. Expertly trained Park Police officers will conduct sharpshooting operations at some of the parks. Those parks will be closed to the public from 5:30 p.m. until sunrise from January 1 through March 31, 2007. Appropriate park closing notices will be posted throughout those parks as well.

During the fall and winter, deer management is scheduled in the following parks;

Bucklodge Forest Conservation Park in Barnesville
Managed shotgun hunting: January 6

Goshen Recreational Park, and undeveloped park in Goshen
Shotguns and muzzle loaders all year, archery during season: Mondays through Saturdays

Hoyles Mill Conservation Park in Boyds
Managed shotgun hunting: January 5 and 19

Little Seneca Stream Valley Park in Boyds
Managed shotgun hunting: January 5

Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville
Managed shotgun hunting: January 6 and 13

Police-based sharpshooting: evenings January through March:

Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood
Black Hill Regional Park in Boyds
North Branch Stream Valley Park in Derwood
Northwest Branch Park in Aspen Hill
Rock Creek Regional Park in Rockville
Wheaton Regional Park in Wheaton.

For further information, visit <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/environment/deer/index.shtm> or call the Department of Parks' deer information hotline at 301/495-3585.



FROM THE TRAIL RIDE COORDINATOR

Marilyn Miller led a ride at Catoctin Mountain Park on August 12th. See her story about their adventure elsewhere in the newsletter.

Karen Kraushaar had volunteered to lead a ride at Woodstock Park but because of a mishap with a pair of flip flops that landed her in a plaster cast, the ride was graciously led by Naomi Manders. The other riders included Priscilla Huffman, Laury Lobel, Nancy Osgood, Diana Potter, Mary Moore, Bobbi Frost, and Annetta Maier. The cooler weather was perfect for the horses, and Karen reported that everyone returned with big smiles on their faces!

By the time you read this, our 2006 Trail Season will be over. Many thanks to the ride leaders who volunteered to help out with our organized trail rides. (Deneen Martin - Montgomery Ag Farm Park, Anna Slaysman – Potomac Riverside Farm, Terry Ledley and Barbara Webb – Rocky Gorge Reservoir, Helen Thomas and Curt Meadows – Union Mills, Mary Prowell – Paint Branch, Anne Moe – The League of Maryland Horseman, Marilyn Miller – Catoctin Mountain, Karen Kraushaar and Naomi Manders – Woodstock, John Angevine – Anacostia River. If you have never led a Trot Ride, you may not realize all the time and preparation that goes into planning an event that is both fun and safe for fellow riders. Show your appreciation by signing up to participate or lead a TROT ride.

Your TROT Board has had many discussions about the decreasing attendance at TROT rides. At our last board meeting, it was decided that what was missing from our rides was....FOOD. So we are planning to try something new for the 2007 season. A pot luck will be planned after each ride with TROT providing the main dish and riders bringing side dishes (vegetables, desserts, etc.) We will also be encouraging non-riding family members and TROT members who for one reason or another couldn't go on the ride but want to get together with other riders. We have tentatively schedule the first ride for early April – Deneen Martin will lead her annual April Fool's ride at the Montgomery Agricultural Farm Park and Mike Gafney will provide his famous chili for the pot luck.

Last year we also tried a new approach to increase the opportunities for members to learn about trails. We published the names of experienced TROT members who would be willing to show individual riders specific trails. We would love feedback from you as to how this program is working. Please email me (Kyle Jossi) at bossyjossi@netscape.com.

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 trial ride!

Patauxant State Park Allison Abernathy 703-603-0052

Montgomery Agricultural Farm Park, Annapolis Rock Deneen Martin 301-253-2955

Catoctin Mountain Park, Little Bennett, Marilynn Miller 301-898-7274

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

Patuxent State Park, Rachel Carson, Rock Creek Park. Contact Laury Lobel at 301-774-9595 or laurylobel@verizon.net.

Patapsco State Park off Marriottsville Rd. - Elizabeth Baran. She is available on weekdays and during the week. She would love to show other TROT members the trails there and would love the company. She can be reached at home 410-442-5006, or cell 410-245-8942.

I will soon be lining up ride leaders for organized trail rides for next year. If you would like to lead a ride, please contact me (Kyle Jossi) to discuss your ride. Remember, you can arrange what ever kind of ride you want – location, length, and speed are up to you. Please contact me at bossyjossi@netscape.com or 301-570-3860 to set up a ride.



SILENT AUCTION

For the 3rd year in a row, we will be holding a Silent Auction in conjunction with the Annual Dinner on February 24, 2007. Last year's event was a huge success both because of the generosity of members and tack shops donating items to the auction and also because members came to the Annual Dinner and bid on the items! A total of \$950 was raised at the Auction. Once again, we are looking for items to be donated for the auction. These can be new or gently used tack, riding apparel, and services. Use your imagination. Please contact me (Kyle Jossi 301-570-3860 or bossyjossi@netscape.com) to discuss any ideas you might have for the auction.



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IN SEARCH OF

Sometimes a conversation sparks an idea that leads to a new approach. This was the case when Kyle received a phone call from a TROT member asking how she could find other TROT members who might be interested in riding during the week. Kyle gave her several ideas and then it dawned on her that what TROT needs is an "in search of" column to connect riders looking for other riders. Please email Kyle (bossyjossi@netscape.com) with your request and she will get it into the newsletter. Be specific about when you are available, where you like to ride, your level of experience and the pace your horse most prefers.

Frederick and Montgomery Co: Busy mom looking to expand her horizons with new (experienced) riding buddies while the kids are in school. Can only ride during the week. Frederick and Montgomery County areas including Little Bennett. She likes a moderate pace with walk, trot and canter, but safety is a priority and she may need to take it a little slow if her horse is having a rare bad day. Contact Joy at 301-874-8169 or thejoyser@aol.com.

Montgomery Co: Hi, I am looking for individuals who would like to go on trail rides. I am currently in Montgomery County at Trinity Farm (Riding Stable Road, West Laurel). I am looking for a slow/medium trail partner. There are a lot of hills in our area and I don't want to take them quickly, also my horse is fairly young 4.5 years old, and in not in condition to go fast on the trails. I don't have a trailer so I'm limited in where I can ride. Let me know if you know of anyone who can ride near Trinity or would like to share the cost of trailering to another location. Thanks, Angela (amorales@co.ho.md.us)

COMING ATTRACTIONS - Trail Ride Clinic

TROT is planning a trail ride clinic for beginners sometime in the Spring of 2007. It will be a two part clinic. The first part will be in a classroom setting without our horses. This will give folks who don't have a means to transport their horse the opportunity to attend. The second part will be a schedule TROT ride geared to beginning trail riders with several experienced TROT members on hand to assist our novice riders. See the web site and the next newsletter for information.

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September 2006 Treasurer's Report

September 2006 Expenses: \$99.54

Donation to CCEC for Morgan Run Portapot:
\$80.00

Verizon (TROT Information Line): \$19.54

September 2006 Income: \$37.29

Membership: \$20.00

Interest from Time Deposit: \$13.52

Interest from Savings: \$3.77

Bank Balances as of 10/1/2006:

Checking Acct: \$721.30

Savings Acct: \$15,264.20

Time Deposit (Mapping Fund): \$6,666.53

Kathy Dobson, Treasurer

October 2006 Treasurer's Report

October 2006 Expenses: \$394.02

Gasch Printing (Sept 06 Newsletter): \$239.21

2006 Judged Pleasure Ride Expenses: \$102.74

Deposit for 2007 Annual Meeting/Potluck: \$30.00

Verizon (TROT Information Line): \$22.07

October 2006 Income: \$17.43

Interest from Time Deposit: \$13.54

Interest from Savings: \$3.89

Bank Balances as of 11/01/2006:

Checking Acct: \$486.49

Savings Acct: \$15,288.09

Time Deposit (Mapping Fund): \$6,680.07

Kathy Dobson, Treasurer

BTAG

The next meeting of the Prince George's County Bicycle and Trails Advisory Group (BTAG) is scheduled for this Friday, January 12th. We will be meeting in Southern Prince George's County. I hope to confirm the location next week, and will send out directions and an agenda either next Friday or early in the new year. Please forward to me any agenda items that you want included. There has been progress on several trail projects, and Eileen, myself, and Vic Weissberg have compiled a status report for the top trail projects, which we will hand out and review. There has also been a large amount of development activity and I will try to summarize those that impact or implement trail recommendations.

Agenda items that I have so far are listed below.

- o Piscataway Creek MOU
- o Henson Creek Trail Extension
- o Priority trail projects status report
- o Little Paint Branch Trail progress
- o Subregion I Planning Charrette and draft text

Coffee and donuts will be served. Please call me at (301)952-3661 if you have any questions, and I hope to see you on January 12th. The meeting time will be from 8:30 - 10:30 AM Have a good holiday, and I will forward meeting directions and an agenda at the end of next week or early 2007. Fred Shaffer, M-NCPPC.



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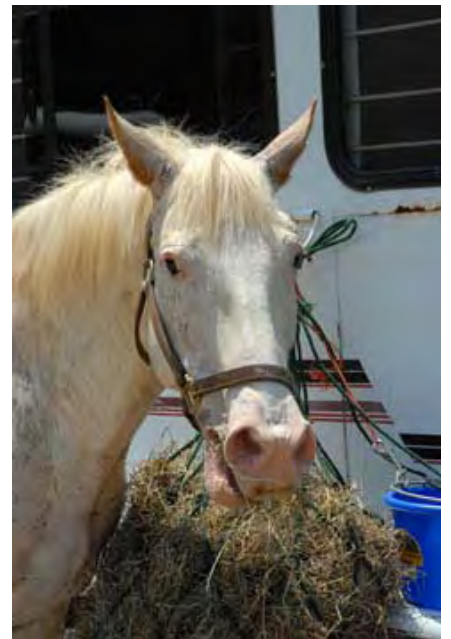
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TRAIL RIDING CLINIC FOR BEGINNERS

Saturday, March 31st
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

- * Safety for you and your horse**
- * Trail riding etiquette**
- * Equipment**
- * Trail hazards (water crossings, ground bees, etc)**
- * How to find good trails**

The clinic on Saturday is classroom only, no horses.

The following day, Sunday April 1st, TROT will host its spring kick off ride led by Deneen Martin at the same location.

The ride will be geared toward first time trail riders and will be a great opportunity to practice what you learned in the clinic.

We'll have several experienced TROT riders with their dead quiet horses to buddy up with the new riders. After the trail ride, we'll get together for a pot luck chili lunch. (Note you don't have to sign up for the trail ride on Sunday to participate in the clinic Saturday.)



To sign up for the clinic on Saturday
or the trail ride on Sunday,
contact **Kyle Jossi at 301-570-3860** or
by email at **bossyjossi@netscape.com**.

There are a limited number of spaces
available in the clinic so sign up early.

Trail Riders of Today