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TROT ANNUAL MEETING, POT LUCK DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, February 9, 2013 6:00 PM

Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Dept. Activities Center on the Mt. Airy Fairgrounds
1008 Twin Arch Road, Mt. Airy, Maryland 21771
Directions on page 2

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

A - L Main dishes
M - T Salads and sides
U - Z Appetizers

Dessert will be provided by TROT

(Please note: We want to be sure that all you outdoor horsemen are well fed! Please bring generous potluck portions. Our dinner attendance has been close to 100 for the past few years.)

Come and enjoy lots of time for networking and meeting with friends and shopping for some great bargains at our fabulous Silent Auction.

For more information or to help set up, contact
Priscilla Huffman at 301-646-4422 or priscillahuffman@verizon.net.

Donations Needed for SILENT AUCTION
(see page 3)

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President's Message

Pat Talbot, President

TROT WANTS YOU!

TROT Board elections will be held at our Annual Dinner on February 9, 2013. This is an all volunteer Board. It does not require special knowledge or abilities, just energy, dedication and an active interest in preserving equestrian trails and promoting trail riding. The Board oversees the governance of TROT. Board members tend to be our best volunteers and often lead TROT activities. Board meetings are held from 7 to 9 PM on the first Tuesday of each month.

If you would like to join the Board or find out more about it, please contact Pat Merson at 301-898-3251 or email her at lilgreyhrs@aol.com

Below are the relevant sections of our bylaws regarding the election and duties of the Board.

Annual Meeting. There shall be an annual meeting of the association during the first quarter of the membership year, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to hear reports, and for the nominating committee to present a slate of directors for the coming year.

Election. The election of a Board of Directors shall take

place at the regular annual meeting. Only members of legal voting age shall be entitled to vote on the slate of Board members presented by the nominating committee.

Terms. A Director shall serve for two (2) calendar years, beginning with the first board meeting after the regular annual meeting. The term of office may be extended an additional two (2) years if so desired by the Director. Upon completion of four years, a Director may make their candidacy known to the nominating committee and stand for reelection. To maintain office, Directors are required to attend, in person or by phone, a minimum of 75% of the board meetings held in a 12-month period.

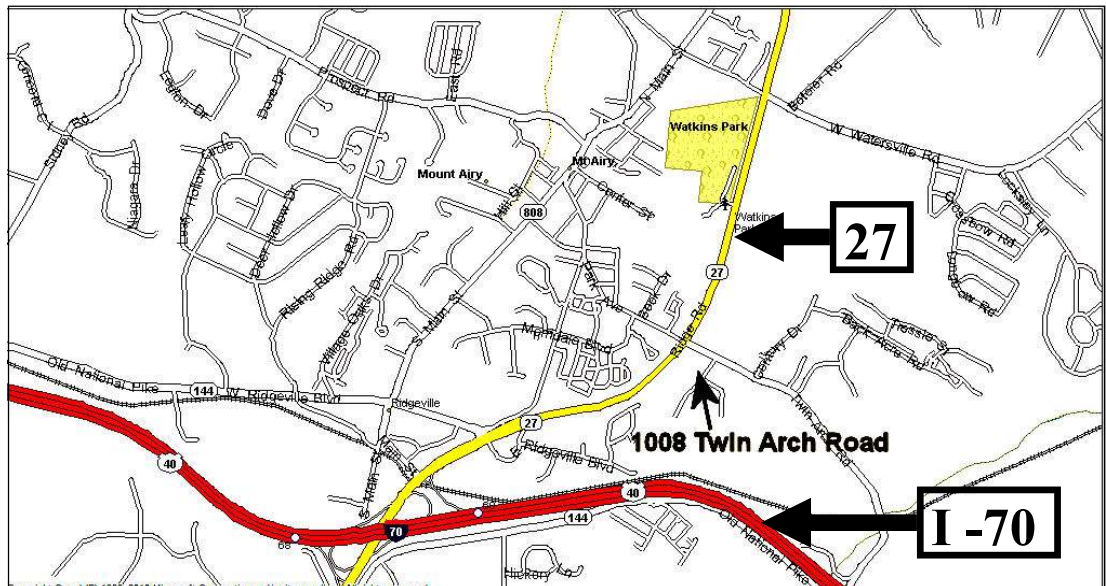
Duties. The Board of Directors shall have supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of the association, execute the policies and decisions of the active membership, actively promote the association's objectives, and have discretion in the disbursement of funds. It shall also determine the minimum amount of annual dues required for membership in the association. It may adopt such rules for the conduct of its business as shall be deemed advisable, and may, in the execution of powers granted, appoint committees or agents to work on specific problems or reports. The Board shall report to the membership on its activities at the annual meeting. It shall meet on the call of the President or the Secretary or on demand of 20 members of the association.

TROT ANNUAL MEETING, POT LUCK DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, February 9, 2013, at 6:00 PM

1008 Twin Arch Road,
Mt. Airy, Maryland 21771

Directions: Route 27 north from I-70. Turn right on Twin Arch Rd. (traffic light). (You will see the fairgrounds on the corner of Route 27 and Twin Arch.) Immediately turn right into the drive, which is lined with white fence posts. There is a brown sign on the left at the beginning of the drive "Welcome to the Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. Activities Grounds." The building is at the top of the drive.



SEEKING DONATIONS FOR SILENT AUCTION ON FEBRUARY 9, 2013!

Christiane Ritcher

As in past years, we want new and gently used tack, horse keeping articles and clothing (clean and in very good condition). Although most donations are horse related, all types of goods and services are welcome. This year, we will have \$1, \$2, \$5, and \$10 tables. These items will be available for purchase prior to the end of the auction.

Auction Item: All auction items must be with Chris Ritcher by Wednesday prior to dinner night. Please call Chris at 240-393-1217 or email at lapado2000@gmail.com about your donation.

Fixed Price Items: Fixed priced items can be brought in on the dinner night. We will have tags for the items and tables designated for the different prices.

Notices - Announcements - Reminders

BECOME ACTIVE IN TROT!

This year we are looking for some new members to staff our slate of board members and committee chairs. Contact any TROT officer to get additional information or to volunteer.

Board Members. Consider taking on a position as a board member. This is the best way to see the internal workings of our organization. Board members attend the monthly meeting, and assist the officers with special projects as needed.

Trail Ride Coordinator. Lisa Troutman is stepping down as coordinator. Lisa has done an outstanding job in filling up our riding season with fun and diverse rides. The trail ride coordinator works with the individual trail ride leaders and acts as the central focal point in developing our trail riding schedule.

Newsletter. Nancy Osgood and Sim Shanks are stepping down as Newsletter Editors. The Newsletter is published every other month (six issues a year). The job is fun – particularly if you have any experience with a desk-top publishing program (such as Microsoft Publisher or Serif PagePlus) – or even if you have the desire to learn. The writing is primarily done by regular contributors, such as county coordinators and officers. The editor primarily smoothes out the articles, and arranges them in a page-wise format. Printing is handled by our very capable long-time support company – Gasch Printing. For more information contact Nancy or Sim at nlosgood@verizon.net.

VOLUNTEER!

There is that dreaded word again! How can we squeeze more time from our hectic lives? How can we commit to one more chore when we are already over-scheduled? The time commitment for these positions is manageable – and working with a group of enthusiastic and capable horse lovers is really a lot of fun. But primarily we volunteer for TROT because of the importance of what we do. We are a nationally recognized effective advocacy group for equestrian trail preservation. Please consider being a part of this important mission!

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION OPTIONS, Electronic or Hard Copy?

Sim Shanks

TROT is dedicated to keeping its members informed and entertained by issuing this bimonthly Newsletter. We recognize that more and more information is being accessed electronically and that **electronic distribution saves money (no printing and postage)**. But we also know that many folks still prefer reading from paper copy. We would

like to make sure members get the Newsletter in the format that they prefer. See below

If you would like to change your Newsletter format to electronic only please contact Richard Huffman, our membership chair, by sending an email to trotmembership@hotmail.com. Put in the Subject Line: TROT News Electronic Only, and be sure to include your full name in the body of the email (not just your email address). Please be sure to indicate your preference on your 2013 TROT renewal Application. See Page 13.

Option	Cost to TROT
Email with a color edition PDF attachment to view and print your own hard copy, if desired	free
Hard copy in the mail	\$2.40 per issue, \$14.40 per year per member
Neither , view it on the TROT website and print your own hard copy, if desired	free

County Updates

Need volunteers as contacts or coordinators for **Baltimore, Calvert, and Talbot Counties**. If you have an interest to act in this capacity, please contact any TROT Board Member. See Who's Who in TROT page 10.

Howard County Report

Pat Oliva,

The construction of the new game field has begun at Schooley Mill Park. It will not affect the equestrian trails. I met with Rick and we walked and drove around the entire area. The show ring is getting new fencing.

While there I noted a big problem in the parking area. There was manure throughout the area, along with shavings. I don't like to tell people what to do, but this is a mark against all of us. The park even provides bins to deposit your horse's manure! We have got to clean up our manure in parking areas. If you have to, take it home with you by placing it back in the trailer. This should be standard procedure for all parks.

I asked Rick why the small rings were locked. He stated he had told riders not to lunge their horses when it was wet, but apparently they would not stop. Therefore we all lost the use of the rings.

Now the good news! Construction of the parking lot for Benson Branch Park will start in the spring, and there is a new park in Fulton that I will look into in January!

This Newsletter will arrive too late to get people to help by testifying regarding the Sunday hunting bill. I just want to say that I knew nothing of it until Gail Monahan called me from Tennessee! If any of you hear something you think I need to know PLEASE let me know!

Have a wonderful, hopeful Christmas, Pat Oliva

Editor's note: This was just posted to the TROT FaceBook page by Kathy Coviello. Thank you Kathy for making this happen. "Great news for Schooley Mill riders. The Howard County Park department has moved a porta-john to the trailer parking lot for our use during the winter months (there are porta-johns from April-Nov but in the past have

been removed over the winter). So enjoy these facilities and say thanks to the park folks when you can. Also, please remember to clean up after your horse (hay, shavings, manure) in the parking lot. Either take it to the manure pit that has been kindly provided for us, or take it home. Happy trails!!!"

IF YOU PARTICIPATED IN ANY TRAIL WORK IN 2012 please read

Amy K Kimble- TROT Trail Work Coordinator

PLEASE SEND ANY Volunteer Trail work hours to AmyHkimble@aol.com or call 301-748-8310. This should include **All Volunteer Trail Work done**, not just organized work days, please include location and total number of hours worked in each area - Please also list your own private trails.

Thank You

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

TROT membership expires on 31 December each calendar year except for the new members who join the TROT organization in September through December. Please be assured that your membership is important in the work that TROT does – our strength is in our numbers and our dedicated volunteers!

Reminders with a renewal application were sent out in November 2012. Included was a return envelope (you supply the postage). Application also available on page 13 and for download at <http://www.trot-md.org/membershipapplication.pdf>

New Membership Chairman

Margaret Scraff, current TROT Membership Chairman, is stepping down at the end of December and the new Membership Chairman will be Richard J. Huffman at trotmembership@hotmail.com.

The Application form in this newsletter and on the TROT website, <http://www.trot-md.org/membershipapplication.pdf>, reflect this change. However, applications mailed to Margaret Scraff after the turnover will be forwarded to Richard J. Huffman.

TROT Uses PayPal

You can now join TROT or renew your membership online using PayPal. Just go to the TROT Web site <http://www.trot-md.org/membership.php>. It is fast, easy, saves time and postage.

WSSC trail update

Barbara Sollner-Webb

Hopeful news on the WSSC trails

As you may remember, about a year and a half ago, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) imposed new restrictions on equestrian use of their watershed areas in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. WSSC closed the previously established equestrian trail and moved riding to the so-called access road. They also prohibited winter riding and closed direct entrances to the access road, allowing only a few official access points. They said they did this to protect the water supply because:

- *"the biggest factor is horses" in generating erosion that flows into the reservoir, and*
- *"horse waste and sediment running off the trail make the reservoir water harder to treat", but*
- *the access road is "very flat and very negotiable", and*
- *winter months are "the wettest months of the year, according to [WSSC's] official rainfall data".*

Thanks to TROT and other organizations and individuals, equestrians responded. We questioned the trail closure, since the equestrian trails showed very little erosion, whereas the access roads were in some places severely eroded, and perhaps unsafe for horses. Equestrians additionally noted how they aid the reservoir in many ways, providing environmental help and serving as "eyes and ears" in monitoring remote areas of the watershed. For instance, equestrians routinely removed trash left by others, helped stop at least two fires, and discovered a major sediment flow which the Maryland Department of the Environment said prevented over 10,000 cubic yards of sediment from entering the reservoir. Equestrians also recently inspired and participated in efforts to re-open blocked culverts under their access road, and provided constructive input regarding re-routing trail sections that appeared to be problematic.

In response to questions from the equestrian community, WSSC contracted with EA Engineering to assess WSSC's reservoir lands and make suggestions. As part of their study, EA held two public hearing where scores of citizens provided thoughtful testimony (see <http://www.wsscwater.com/home/jsp/content/2012-watershedstudy.faces>). EA's report was recently released (<http://www.wsscwater.com/home/jsp/content/prciereports.faces>, see especially chapter 6 and Appendix B), and pleasingly, it largely agrees with the equestrians' assessments. EA confirmed that the equestrian trail portion they assessed:

- *"was well aligned with the natural topography, has*

gentle slopes, and was determined to be in excellent condition for use by horses",

- *with "little evidence of erosion [even at the] stream crossings", "an excellent horseback riding trail and was given a rating of [excellent]" (page 5-3 and B-7, also page 6-2).*

EA's report additionally verifies that most of the access points to which WSSC has now officially limited horse entry are unsuitable.

EA also determined that many areas of WSSC's access roads:

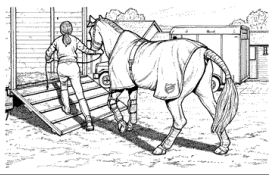
- *are "not suitable for... horseback riding" and "potentially dangerous for horses and riders",*
- indeed, that the access roads:
- *"are the dominant source of sediments and associated run-off contaminants originating within the WSSC buffer property", "significantly eroded",*
- *"have extremely steep slopes with substantial gullies and washed out areas where our Study Team's 4-wheel drive trucks could not navigate",*
- *having "very poor alignment", "straight up and down hill sides" and "unmaintained" (page 6-2 to 6-4).*

EA's report also recommends re-opening portions the Tridelphia Access Road to horseback riding, finding it relatively flat and not eroded. [Contrary to the Washington Post report, there was no major recommendation in the EA to move the horse trail, although riders have long said that some sections could benefit from re-routing.]

However, the report suggests considering a few worrisome changes, such as limiting groups to 5 riders, and pre-arranging each ride with WSSC. The report also recommends prohibiting winter riding, feeling that is the wettest time of the year. Interestingly, WSSC's actual rainfall data do not appear to support this. Hopefully these troubling ideas will not be implemented, especially since the County Councils' budget legislation for WSSC states:

"Public access that is more restrictive than policies in effect prior to the 2011 changes should be supported by the science and industry best practices."

WSSC has been inviting some people to give additional input and will then revise their public access regulations. Hopefully they will re-open the equestrian trail, year-round, re-open barn entrances, accept the offer of free help by certified trail masters (from the Prince George's Soil Conservation District and from a TROT member) to determine which sections of trail should be improved, and accept TROT's offer to pursue public grants to implement trail improvements where needed. We welcome working with WSSC in the future to support the stewardship of this environmental treasure.



TROT RIDES

Lisa Troutman, Trail Ride Coordinator

TROT needs you! We need a Trail Ride Coordinator for 2013.

No experience needed. Please contact Lisa Troutman at cat.home@verizon.net or 410-489-5101.

A look back over the 2012 Trail Riding Season

Lisa Troutman, Trail Ride Coordinator

This was a wonderful trail ride season. Rides were offered all over Maryland with various paces, distances, and venues. Thank you to all the trail ride leaders for 2012! With your help and dedication, we had a very successful year. We had 20 planned rides. Our trail ride leaders were Suzanne Anderson, John Angevine, Judie Artman, Steff Cacopardo, Andrea Caplan, Kathy Coviello, Donata Dow, Jeff Dwyer, Joy Fernon, Lisa Hackett, Nancy Harmon, Laury Lobel, Terry Ledley, Mary Prowell, Christiane Ritcher, Barbara Sollner-Webb, Bonnie Snodgrass, Lisa Troutman, and Denis Webb. Unfortunately the Rocky Gorge ride and the Friendship Park ride had to be cancelled due to wet, rainy conditions. After having to move or cancel the Rocky Gorge ride twice, the ride was successfully held in November. Extreme heat at the end of June prevented the Liberty ride from going on as planned. Look for a makeup ride next year!

In 2012 we had rides in Anne Arundel, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince Georges Counties and Hanover PA. The rides varied from our largest ride at Rocky Gorge Reservoir with 23 riders, to our smallest rides, at Patuxent State Park and Anacostia Park with only 1 rider each plus the trail ride leader. Unfortunately we also had 2 advertised rides that no one attended. These were the New Market ride on Sunday and the Maryland Sunrise Stables ride to benefit Days End Farm. The larger rides always had multiple groups, typically a walk only group, a walk/trot group, and a faster group. Many rides included a pot luck lunch or a gathering afterward to share stories about the trail or other riding stories. It's a great way to meet other people that share the same passion of trail riding.

Please consider being a trail ride leader in 2013. We encourage you to lead a ride on any trail system you would like to share with others. The more trails TROT knows about, the more we can help protect them. You can specify the ride any way you like. This includes pace, distance and number of participants. Please contact the Trail Ride Coordinator if you're interested in leading a ride in 2013.

TROT Ride - Rocky Gorge Watershed Burtonsville/Laurel - Saturday, November 10.

Ride leaders: Terry Ledley, Barbara and Denis Webb

Twenty three (23!!) TROT members had a delightful ride on WSSC's Rocky Gorge equestrian trail (which many years ago WSSC dedicated to Terry Ledley, and since early last year TROT members have been fighting hard to save).

The riders were Judie Artman, Mike Caruso, Cathy Diamond, Vera Fontana, Judy & Victor Haren, Priscilla Huffman, Kyle Jossi, Terry Ledley, Ron MacNab, Erin McCardell, Pat Oliva, Carol & Gina Petrovitch, Susan Railey, Pam Ritter, Laurel Santamarina, Maria Schwartz, Barbara Sollner-Webb, Sally Suder, Lisa Troutman, Diana Ulrich, and Denis Webb. We had three

similar size groups, one all-walk (led by Terry Ledley), one walk-trot (led by Denis Webb) and one walk-trot-canter (led by Barbara Sollner-Webb).

The weather was perfect, the ground was dry and the trail conditions swell, with magnificent views of the Reservoir. Also, the company was delightful, and the pot-luck luncheon at Barbara and Denis' house after the ride was fun and yummy! I believe everyone was impressed by what great shape the trail is in, with no perceptible erosion in almost all places. Please read the update on page 5 on how we are working hard to keep equestrians riding this wonderful trail system.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the ride and lunch a lot.

TROT Ride - Upper Patuxent River State Park, Damascus. October 27, 2012, Saturday and Sunday.

Ride Leader: Suzanne Anderson

We had 5 intrepid riders today for my "fast" ride. We stayed out there 3 hours, and it got progressively sunnier and nicer as the day went on. My GPS measured us at about 9.75 miles.

Erin McCardell (Rising Sun MD) on her 18 yo Morgan mare Belle, Viki Lewis (Urbana MD) on Drifter, Diane

Johnson on Ace, Lucy Snell (Diane's daughter) riding Bouncer (22 yo arab living with Suzanne), and Suzanne Anderson on Cuppa Joe.

As we did on the April 27 ride, I passed around a sheet of paper asking for a line or 2 of comments:

- "Beautiful ride—great pace!! Really enjoyed it."
- "It was a great Birthday Ride! Nice trails"
- "Great trails, had a hard time keep up with the rest of the group ;-)"
- "Great ride, good pace."

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Sunday: 9am-5pm

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Shelly Liggett	Riding Aside	MD, PA
Patty Lynch	Balanced Hoof Care	MD
Suzanne Marshall	Dressage	MD
Jim McDonald	General Training, Problem Solving	MD
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Heidi McLaughlin	Rider Confidence	MD
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Bruce Miller	Farm Financing	PA
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Mounted Games Across America	Demonstrations	PA
Muddy Creek Vaulters	Vaulting	MD
Suzanne Myers	General Training, Problem Solving	MD, PA
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Caroline Rider	General Training, Problem Solving	PA
Donnie Rosie	Equine Marketing	PA
Neva Kittrell Scheve	Trailer, Truck Safety	MD
Tom Seay	Riding Adventures, Trail Riding	MD
Brenda Senseney	Endurance, Competitive Trail	MD
Richard Shrake	Western Pleasure, Horsemanship	MD, PA
Sara Strauss	Rescue Horse Training	MD, PA
Sugarloaf Mtn. Polocrosse Club	Demonstrations	MD
Angelo Telatin	Clicker Training, Jumpers	MD
Tommie Turvey Jr.	Trick Horse Training	PA
University of Maryland	Various Educational Topics	MD
Jodi Van Sprang	Dressage	PA
Bud and Gwen Wills	Horse Camping, Trail Riding	PA
Keith Wills	Farm Financing	MD
Julie Winkel	Hunter, Jumper	MD
Brendan Wise	General Training, Problem Solving	MD, PA

And many more...

Clinician list not complete at press time.
*Clinicians may not appear all days of the show.
See our website for complete lists, exact dates and times.

ARE YOUR RIDING BUDDIES AND STABLE MATES TROT MEMBERS?

Priscilla Huffman

You are the best recruiter for TROT! Please encourage your riding friends who may not be members to join us in our important mission of trail preservation. There is power in numbers! Membership forms are available on TROT's web site www.trot-md.org under the membership tab.

Trail Clearing

Nancy Osgood

There was an organized trail clearing on November 18, at the trail rerouting between Howard Chapel Road and Georgia Avenue in the Patuxent State Park. The new trail avoids some low areas that are often wet. Some enthusiastic workers showed up, including young Nate with a chain saw. We made a lot of progress! Thanks as always to Amy Kimble, who works overtime clearing trails for YOU! Please support her by maintaining the trails you ride.



Our indomitable work crew!



Nate doing the heavy lifting!

Lisbon Ole Fashion Christmas Horse Parade

December 8, 2012

Eight TROT members rode in the Lisbon Horse Parade, and two walkers carried the banner.

Photo by Maryland Agriculture Department.

Lisbon Christmas Horse Parade 2012

Ron MacNab is TROT's Montgomery County Coordinator and Past President. Ron represents recreational trail riders on the Maryland Horse Industry Board. He also rode in the parade on his Rocky Mountain Horse Sergeant Pepper.



More photos may be seen on Kathy Coviello's "TROT Trail Riders Of Today" facebook page.

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.

Benson Branch Park Sandy Brewer
Email sandbrewer@aol.com

Blockhouse Point (Farm Loop on Canal at Violettes Lock)
Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Breezy Loop Boyds, MD an easy hour and 15 minutes.
Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Cactoctin Mountain Park and Little Bennett
Marilynn Miller (301) 898-7274

Croom, Md area, South of PG Equestrian Center
I am the trail historian for this area. I can keep you riding over different trails for 6 hours! People would leave from my farm in Croom & can ride to Patuxent River Park (Jug Bay), the Wildlife Sanctuary and Spice Creek Park. I am available Fri-Sat-Sun-Mon as a tour guide.
Carol CAAuletta@aol.com or (301) 579-2342

EPIC Trail at Dry Seneca Creek, Poolesville
This is mostly private with a sanctioned public route - exceptionally good footing, easy trail, good for exercising in winter. THIS IS NOT THE Great Seneca Greenway Trail that goes to Patuxent! 10 miles round trip
Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Gunpowder State Park at Sweet Air (Harford County)
Karen Penharlow, (410) 236-9365 or KlawPaws@aol.com

Gunpowder State Park (Harford County)
Joyce Browning (410) 557-6165 / (443) 966-0249

Little Bennett Park
Jim and Maureen Henry (301) 676- 5298.

Patuxent River State Park, Rachel Carson and Rock Creek Park, Laury Lobel
(301) 774-9595 or laurylobel@verizon.net

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

Sugarloaf Mt. Vicki Bazan (301) 831-8715

Sugarloaf Mt. Janine Borofka (301) 874-0770

Union Mills/Kowomu Trail
Also Liberty Reservoir trails [off Deer Park Road] and Morgan Run Trails.
Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691 or ivyismink@gis.net

West Friendship Park and the North Tract of Patuxent Wildlife Refuge Research Center near Ft Meade
Kathy Coviello, 732-768-3302.

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

If you would like to volunteer to show other TROT members your favorite trails contact:
Nancy Osgood at nlosgood@verizon.net

LOOKING FOR RIDING BUDDIES and NEED A RIDE/SHARE A RIDE

This section of the Newsletter is for folks who are looking for riding partners – either for meeting up on the trail or for sharing a trailer ride. Linking up with other trail riders is fun – and economical! We want to provide a forum space for people looking for a traveling partner, so please write to the TROT Newsletter at nlosgood@verizon.net.

Looking for a horse to go on TROT rides. I would like to ride your horse (if you have an extra one) on a TROT trail ride. I rode for 20 years, but have not recently. I am in the Ellicott City/Catonsville area. I would be happy to share all expenses. Contact: Susan Doukas 443-842-0811 . email: sdoukashorse@yahoo.com 5/11

Welcome New Members

Margaret Scraff, TROT Membership

Anette Regan
Sandra and Bruce Schechter
Carol Bush
Margaret White and Tom Gallen
Anne Brown
Kim, Tom, Maddjie and Garrett Yocklin
Nancy Killen
Jennifer Nash
Pedro Petrovitch

Chesapeake Beach, MD
Woodbine, MD
Rising Sun, MD
Churchton, MD
Glenwood, MD
Frederick, MD
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Germantown, MD
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Howard County
Frederick County
Montgomery County
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Get your TROT license plate.

We have ours and they look great!
Many thanks to Susan Railey who worked very hard and navigated the bureaucracy of the Motor Vehicle Administration to get our great organizational plates with the TROT



logo. If you missed out – it is not too late. Email Susan (susanrailey@verizon.net) and she will get an application to you. Return the completed application to her with the fee (only \$25), and she will forward it on to the MVA.

Oh – and be sure to honk and wave if you see a fellow TROT member on the road!

CLASSIFIED ADS

To place an ad email: nlogood@verizon.net
TROT Members: One regular (100 word) ad FREE!

Non-member rates:	-1/4 page ad -	\$25
-Classified ads -	-1/2 page ad -	\$40
\$6.00 for first 100 words	-full page ad -	\$75
\$0.10 for each additional word	-Insert (all copies delivered to our printer) -	\$50
-Business Card -		\$6.00

BOARDING , HORSE PROPERTY

Belle Cote Farm: Field board available for adults on a private farm in Burtonsville, MD. Lighted outdoor arena and direct access to WSSC trails. \$300/mo. Prefer retired, semi-retired, or non-showing horses.

Also several nice horses available for lease

Contact Debby at Debby.Poole@Juno.com or 301-641-9594



West Laurel Stable – Horse Boarding at its best!

We provide a friendly and relaxed environment for pleasure riding. You and your horse will feel very comfortable. Riders will enjoy the new 80 x 200 ft ring and access to the beautiful trails on the WSSC watershed (also known as the Rocky Gorge or Supplee trails). Your horse will enjoy the quiet landscape with rolling hills and nice pastures, and will receive excellent care by our dedicated staff. Come see our barn, conveniently located in West Laurel. Call John at 301-332-2688 to arrange a visit. \$425/per month stall board.



Potomac Riverside Stables

Poolesville, MD (www.potomacriversidestables.com)

(301) 972-8187

"Trail Riding Heaven" A top quality boarding & training facility also offering several well trained school horses for lease. Instruction and training for horses and riders, from beginner to advanced. Several instructors to choose from. Your instructor is also welcome. The stable is located on 400 beautiful acres adjoining the C&O Canal with 100s of miles of National Park trails. Personal quality individual care, large indoor arena, 3 outdoor arenas, large stalls, many other features for your horse's comfort: mats, fans, fly spray system, hot showers, unlimited free choice premium hay made on the farm. Your horse is given whatever he needs, *no limits*. We have several vacancies and very reasonable rates.

Full quality care and self care.

Affordable Horse Boarding Available! 5 beautiful acres in Gaithersburg that include two pastures, a four stall stable barn with run-in shelters, tack room, hay loft, and water and electric. Property is nicely secluded with a natural spring and backs Seneca Creek State Park and riding trails. Full or partial board is available and pricing is negotiable. Location is off of Turkey Foot Rd in 20878 zip code. If interested call Steve at 703-887-1799 . 11/11

Reichs Ford Farm - South Frederick County. Field Board, \$200-\$275/mo, Stall Board, \$335-\$425/mo. Trail/Conditioning Memberships available, \$50/mo unlimited access or \$15/visit. New custom barn on secluded 240 acre private farm, mountain views, 7+ miles of groomed trails, fields, woods, water crossing, mixed terrain, flat and hilly. Custom run-in shelters, quality home-grown hay, free-fed in winter. Automatic, heated waterers. Grass and sand/fiber riding arenas. Mares' fields. Retirees welcome. Trailer storage. MD Licensed. See our website www.reichsfordfarm.com Ijamsville/Urbana area. Joy Fernon, Resident Manager, 240-674-4825, jfernon@comcast.net 7/12

Country Farm house to rent : INCLUDED All utilities, FIOS Cable and Internet. As well as a Private W/D, Full bathroom with tub/shower. 3 bedrooms, sitting room, and country kitchen (The kitchen can be Shared or Private). Also has parking next to the house, walking trails along streams, deer, and birds. Plenty of area for vegetable or flower gardens if interested. Looking for no drama, and someone who enjoys a peaceful beautiful setting on a 20 acre horse farm. A very safe area. No smoking, or big parties. Pets by approval only. My 26 year old daughter who helps manage the Horse farm has her own living area and entrance. My Sister is the nearest neighbor. Price is \$1,700 Negotiable Located in Burtonsville, MD along the rt 95 Corridor between Silver Spring and Columbia.. If interested. CONTACT ME AT

bcfarmhouse@gmail.com

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\$899,500 Silver Spring, Custom Springbrook Rancher on top of an unbelievable country setting. RENOVATIONS & UPDATES include - kitchen, all new stainless steel appliances, granite, new plumbing, new Thompson Creek windows, electric box, refinished hardwood floors, carpet, lighting & bathrooms. Barn has 3+ stalls, tack room, hay loft – able to hold 250+ bales. Water and electric to barn. Paddock fencing. HorseTrails lead off the back of the property. Home consists of 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. 20 minutes from DC line.

Call Vera for showings: 301-633-8372

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Thistlehill Farm is a small private licensed Maryland boarding farm near Lisbon, MD. We offer full service field boarding with individualized care, excellent pastures/shelter, a lighted outdoor arena, round pen, wash racks and more. Our current (as of October 2012) boarding rate is \$325 per month. The farm is located a short 5 mile drive from Patuxent Park, with hours of trails for you to enjoy. We are the perfect place for your retired or semi-retired horse or pony. For more information please call the farm at 410-489-4752 or visit our Blog at:

<http://thistlehillfarm.wordpress.com/>

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HORSES - SALE, LEASE OR FREE

Two horses for Lease or Half-lease: (1) Zippo black pine for half lease. 16.2 black gelding needs experienced rider .does dressage eventing and all round good horse. (2) Dark bay Quarter horse gelding. Non-spooky - excellent for children or first time riders, soft mouth, can ride English or Western. For info call Carol at 240-447-5186 7/11

Horse for Sale: Oreo Cookie, 15 hand, 8 yr. old reg. paint mare, purchased as a 3 yr. old to train as my trail horse. I am now 72 and find a gaited horse more suited for this time in my life. She is a pleasure to be around and ride and her easy-going temperament would make a good competitive trail horse. She was leased for two mo. this summer by a 13 yr old girl Price reduced to \$2500. Call Sharon Osborn at 410-775-2420 9/12

MISC. - TRAILERS, SADDLES, TACK, ETC

Western FWG saddle for sale w 16 inch seat, cloth fenders, and weighs about 15 lbs. The saddle is in excellent condition; gently used and well cared for. Leather covered stirrups and girth included. Asking \$250 or OBO. A felt saddle pad is available for \$50. Please contact Jean at JCStuff@comcast.net. 1/13

FOR SALE - Australian Stock Saddle. Looking for a secure trail saddle? Genuine Wayne Walker, all leather Australian stock saddle and black sheepskin pad. 16" Western seat. Excellent condition. \$2200. Near Ag History Farm Park in Derwood, MD. Phoebe Black 301.984.7970 1/13

SERVICES

Janet Young, PhD, EEBW

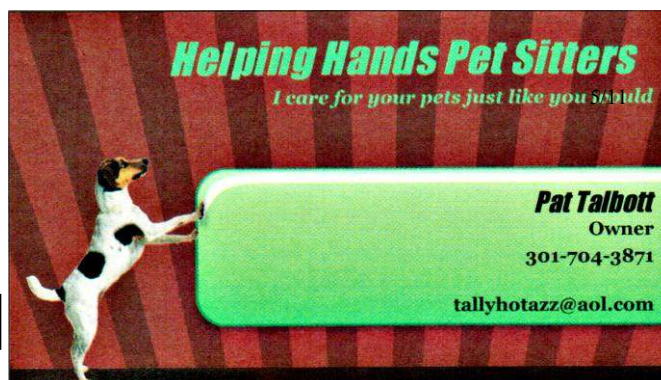
Just like humans, horses get sore muscles, especially if work is intermittent, or intense. The result: actions often interpreted as "bad behavior". Massage can: provide comfort, improve disposition, enhance performance, reduce tactile defense, increase circulation. Complementary, not a substitute for regular veterinary care. Treat your 4-legged friend to massage by TROT member certified in equine massage.

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Come **buy your next Truck** from your Local Equestrian Sales Specialist and Fellow TROT Member, Ashley Adams at Keene Dodge Chrysler Jeep! We specialize in Trucks! Also, we service and perform body work on Horse Trailers. Ask me about the Rebates available to USEF, NTRA, and Farm Bureau Members! We are centrally located in Jarrettsville, MD. Call me at (800)394-7127 or (443)506-2263 or e-mail me at aadams@keenedodge.com. www.keenedodge.com



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Annual Membership Application

_____ New Membership

_____ Membership Renewal for Year 2013

*Name of Applicant (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Spouse/Sig Other _____ Other family members _____

*Address _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____

*County _____ *Email _____

*Home Phone _____ Cell/Alternate Phone _____

* *Required information. Most, but not all of our communications with members is done by email.*

Please circle any information you do not want included in our Membership Directory. All membership information is for the private use of TROT members. We do not release any membership information outside this organization.

Annual membership rates for January 1 – December 31:

One year membership	\$20.00 per year	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Family
Contributing member	\$30.00 per year	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Family
Sustaining member	\$50.00 per year	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Family
Additional contributions	\$ _____ (tax deductible)		

Number of membership cards required _____

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.

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

Richard Huffman, TROT Membership
35 Cinder Road, Timonium, MD 21093

Phone: 410-252-0635
Email: TrotMembership@hotmail.com

I prefer to receive the TROT Newsletter by:

_____ email (full color addition) or _____ U.S. Mail (black on yellow)
_____ Neither, I will view it on the TROT website.

VOLUNTEER

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearings	<input type="checkbox"/> County Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/> Ride Leader
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/> Booth / Shows	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Mapping	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Mtgs	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Clearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Judged Pleasure Ride
<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Dinner/Silent Auction	



TRAIL RIDERS OF TODAY

Richard J. Huffman, TROT Membership
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from the Newsletter Staff

Don't miss the TROT Annual Meeting – Potluck Dinner and Silent Auction – February 9, 2013, at 6:00 pm at the Mt. Airy Fairgrounds. Read all the details inside. If you have never come to the annual meeting, you need to try it this year! We have a lot of fun, and we guarantee that you will meet other people that share your equestrian passion! There is great food and some great deals at our Silent Auction!

New Board Members are being sought. Have you ever wanted to get more involved in some of TROT's activities? Why not become a TROT board member? No experience is necessary – just a small commitment of time and the desire to support the organization and its activities. Please read the President's Message on Page 2.

Remember that TROT will be at the **HORSE WORLD EXPO** at the Timonium Fairgrounds, January 18-20, 2013. See all the info on Page 7.