PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

TROT Wants You!  By Pat Talbot

TROT Board elections will be held at our Annual Dinner on March 1, 2014. 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  contact Judy Thacher  410 751 3775  or email jathacher@yahoo.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 2014 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Reminder

The 2014 Renewal information packets were sent out in November either via email if we have your email address on record or via the USPS if we do not.

It is very helpful if you return your information and dues as soon as possible after receiving your packet to aide the volunteers who process the renewals.

Beginning in 2014, TROT will be sending announcements, information, updates, etc. via email to all who give permission. This will be limited to such activities as Membership Meetings, TROT Rides, Judge Pleasure Ride, Trail Clearing, Annual Dinner, changes to events, requests for volunteers. It will not take over your mailbox but it will provide you with the most current and timely information.

The TROT Website, Newsletter, MarylandTrailRiders and TROTMembers Yahoo Groups, and TROT Trail Riders Of Today on Facebook will be available as well.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

2014 Maryland Horse World Expo TROT Booth

Club members are being asked if they would like to apply for working a few hours at the TROT Booth at this event. Running from 17-19 January 2014, this event is attended by thousands of equine enthusiasts. Volunteers get complimentary admission to the event, details of which can be found at the website: http://www.horseworldexpo.com/MDmain.shtml

Anyone interested should contact TROT Board of Director member, Kathy Coviello, at 732-768-3302 or via email baylady7@aol.com to volunteer.

ADOPT A TRAIL MEETING

Anyone interested in Adopting a trail?

Amy Kimble - Adopt A Trail Coordinator

January 12 th. 3:00pm Location to be determined by attendees. Anyone interested in Adopting a trail please come to this meeting so we can organize a tentative plan for 2014. Let me know what I can do to help? Do you need training, support, assistance in marking a future trail etc.

I will collect your hours from 2013 and ask what went smoothly and what was a problem.

TROT ANNUAL MEETING

Pot Luck Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, March 1, 2014

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

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

A - L - Side dishes and salads
M - Z - Main dishes

Dessert will be provided by TROT

Appetizers will be provided by set-up volunteers

(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.

Seeking Donations For Silent Auction

Christiane Ferland

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, $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 Ferland 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.

CALL FOR RIDE LEADERS

Volunteer to Lead a Trail Ride

Spring will come sooner than you think and we are organizing TROT Trail rides for 2014. Please volunteer to lead a Trail Ride on your favorite trail.

Contact: Lisa Troutman. 301 928 5243 cat.home@verizon.net
NEW MEMBERS

Welcome, New TROT Members

Dick Huffman

TROT New members November through December 6

Welcome to our new members.

Carol Fraysher, Loudon County, Virginia

Beth Lorato, Howard County, Maryland

TROT’S TOTAL FAMILY MEMBERS NOW NUMBER 501.

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.

Renewals and new applications for 2014, now 71 to date.

ADOPT A TRAIL

Help Maintain Your Trails Amy Kimble

Please sign up to help maintain your trails you use on a daily basis. I will come out and help you get started. We all take care of our trails but need to formally report on how much time we spend taking care of our trails. We also need to work with land managers to get permission and collaborate our efforts. Ideally we will have one spokes person for each park etc. and they will be the contact for that land manager so that the park managers will not be overwhelmed with emails and duplicate reports.

Please feel free to contact me and talk about this exciting new program.

Amy Kimble 301-748-8310 AmyHkimble@aol.com

TROT LOGO WEAR

New TROT Logo Wear Vendor Selected

The TROT Executive Board recently voted to provide you with a way to shop for your favorite TROT Logo Wear and other items such as mugs, saddle pads, even banners, in your pajamas! That’s right – from the comfort of your home computer screen, at 2 in the morning, you can search for and select various items that you would like to emblazon with our club’s logo. Say It! Graphics, located at 239 South Main St, Mt. Airy, MD 21771, is a full-service company providing screen printing and embroidery promotional products, as well as sign and vehicle lettering and custom decals. Chrissy Jongezoon, owner and operator, is ready to take your order. So, stop by the store, give Chrissy a call at 301-829-5959, or jump into your jammies and go to http://www.sayitgraphics.com. Email web@sayitgraphics.net for inquiries or to order.

Need it today?? Drive by and see existing TROT Logo Wear that Say It! Graphics is handling for TROT.

As an additional bonus, TROT earns money every time you make a purchase!

HOWARD CHAPEL WORK DAY

The last work day of 2013 Amy Kimble

The last work day of 2013 was on Sunday November 17th, at noon. We parked off of Howard Chapel just North of Eldon Farm Road to try and rescue our work from last year that I had been interrupted from and had fears of having to start all over. Jean Cooper, Mary Prowell and I headed in to see how our unfinished trail had survived a year of no work. I was amazed! It looked just like we had left it, can not believe it ask one of them. I guess if a trail is put in correctly even though it was unfinished it maintained very well. Jean and I walked the old pre-existing trail and it needed a lot of work so we put in several hours. THANK YOU Mary and Jean Also I wanted to THANK Lisa Troutman who came out to join us but never caught up with Jean and I.
CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN PARK

2014 A Great Project Year for Trot
Amy Kimble

I am very excited after attending The Catoctin Mountain Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in November. I had the opportunity to speak with Mel Poole, Park Superintendent. He is on board to call a meeting in Frederick to make a connecting trail from Catoctin Mountain to South Mountain. WOW, that would be awesome. Anyone interested in supporting this endeavor please contact Amy Kimble 301-748-8310 AmyHkimble@aol.com so I can keep you up to date.

The second reason I am very excited is the stable at Greentop needs a roof, an opportunity for the equine enthusiasts to provide a service that will be a huge benefit especially after the trail connections are made. Anyone with horse camping experience at other locations I need to speak to you about how the programs are run. I did tell Mr. Poole that Michaux would be a likely model. If we want to preserve the stable at Greentop we will have to promote the use of the facility or lose it as we did the other stable and ring that were in Catoctin. Greentop would be awesome for a trail building weekend training session it has cabins and 2 large meeting area and a full kitchen. Barb and Maria said they would like to offer a weekend trail building class with the Pennsylvania Trainers, the Wills. It would be awesome here and I know they could find some areas to work and do on the job training. Lets make 2014 our most productive TRAIL Enhancement and Work YEAR yet!

Baltimore County chapter Facebook page

There are some interesting articles on our Facebook page posted by Bruno Conticello. Our page is available at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/597045973658997/

Baltimore County Chapter News

Priscilla Huffman, County Coordinator

Monika and Roger Munn hosted a potluck get-together on November 19. We had 14 riders attending, and shared lots of good stories about horses and trails, in addition to some great food! Here are some updates on Baltimore County activity:

Volunteer site for DNR

https://ec.volunteernow.com/custom/1289/

DNR would like everyone working on the Gunpowder Falls State Park trails or other state park trails to sign up as a registered volunteer and record your hours. It’s easy to do and provides the DNR staff with evidence of how much work needs to be done. Once you get to the volunteer page (link above) check “click here” next to the picture. This will take you to the sign up page. Then, each time you work on the trails, register your time in one-hour increments. DNR has requested that we send them a list of trail maintenance projects, and five areas have been identified that could use some work. As always, TROT volunteers will be available to help.

Bunker Hill trail at Gunpowder Falls

Several individuals and groups have been working on the Bunker Hill trail in the Hereford section of Gunpowder Falls park to avoid the steep step-down area near the main parking lot, and to open a complete loop on the trail. Although we can always do more work, the trail is now completely open. DNR has been instrumental in cutting a few large trees that prevented our using certain portions of the trail. We plan to schedule a TROT ride on this trail for the spring. Parking is available at the large DNR lot at the end of Bunker Hill Rd (off York).

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I was born and raised in Havre de Grace, but now live in Aberdeen with my husband and two dogs. I started taking lessons at the age of 11, but was always the horse-crazy little girl asking for a pony every birthday & Christmas. I worked at Bonita Farm in Darlington for 5 years, which is where I got my first horse at 18 - a mare with her colt. I eventually had to sell the colt (one horse is expensive enough!) but re-trained the mare for eventing. I kept her for several years and then decided to return to school. I had to sell my mare, but rode other horses as they became available while I was in school - there just wasn’t as much time! This year I finally finished my Masters degree in Accounting & Financial Management, and decided it was time to own a horse again. I bought Look of Hope, aka Digger, in June - he is a 5 year old OTTB (his last race was in February). I’m retraining him for eventing, but am also a volunteer with the Susquehanna State Park Volunteer Mounted Patrol (SVMP). With the SVMPs, I ride the trails and clear them when necessary, and let the park rangers know of any major issues. I also ride through the campgrounds and let the families come up and say hello to Digger - many of them have never seen a horse up close before! In addition to eventing and trail riding, my sister and I are training for a 25 mile endurance ride in April of 2014.
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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: naimimanders0@gmail.com

Breezy Loop, Boyds, MD  an easy hour and 15 minutes.
Naomi Manders  e-mail: naimimanders0@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: naimimanders0@gmail.com

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

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

Mont. Co. side of 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
She is available during the week and weekend and would love to show other TROT members the trails.
Elizabeth Baran  C:  (410) 245-8942

Sugarloaf Mt.
Vicki Bazan  (301) 831-8715 or Janine Borofka  (301) 874-0770

Union Mills/Kowomu Trail
Also Liberty Reservoir trails [off Deer Park Road] , Morgan Run Trails and Codorus Park [in PA].
Ivy Smink  (410) 875-5691 or smink.iy@gmail.com

WSSC/Rocky Gorge trail
(Supplee Lane in PG to Tucker Lane in Montgomery County).
Barbara Sollner-Webb
e-mail bsw@jhmi.edu, H(301-604-5619), W (410-955-6278).

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
TROT is piloting an adopt a trail program!

The idea of the program is to have horseback riders trim and report down trees, muddy areas, etc., on the trails that are utilized by them on a regular basis. Please maintain a very simple work log so we can coordinate time spent by our members. TROT is very interested in tracking time spent on trail work. These hours translate into dollars for the parks and shared land use trail areas. It will also give equestrians a voice at public forums in which we have a vested interest. TROT can than organize the removal of down trees, trail re-routes and chain sawing by going through land management supervisors to obtain authorization.

We are trying to avoid unauthorized reroutes and riders from simply going around down trees. We can take responsibility for our trails.

We have to realize that most trails are multi use and we need to collaborate with our fellow users.

This program can be provided throughout the entire TROT member area. In the past Montgomery, Howard, and Frederick were areas concentrated on most just because of where I lived and the time I had to devote to my mission. I have had to step down due to family responsibilities but I am still driven to see horseback riders step up and do their part to build and maintain sustainable trails.

Call Amy Kimble (TROT’s past Trail Work Coordinator) at 301-748-8310 or email AmyKimble@aol.com with any questions.

Please consider volunteering by filling out the form below:

NAME: ____________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

TRAIL SYSTEM OR AREA YOU RIDE: ________________________________

CONTACT INFO:

E-MAIL __________________________________________________________

CELL/PHONE: _____________________________________________________

DATE: ___________________________________________________________

COUNTY: _________________________________________________________

STATE: ___________________________________________________________

Mail form to: Amy Kimble
9622 Woodsboro Road, Frederick, MD  21701
New/Renew TROT Membership Application

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. PAY BY PAYPAL AND COMPLETE FORM ONLINE (SAVE POSTAGE)
   You may complete this form online after paying via PayPal and send it online, go to http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeqqjca/ no postage necessary.

2. COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM AND PAY BY CHECK
   Check -- please make checks payable to Trail Riders of Today and print and complete the attached Application form and send it and your check to: Richard Huffman, TROT Membership 35 Cinder Road, Timonium, MD 21093

Date: _____/_____ / 20_____  _____ Membership Renewal  _____ New Membership

All membership information is for the private use of TROT members. We do not release any membership information outside this organization

*FIRST NAME: ___________________________________________________________________________________________  Do Not List

*LAST NAME: ___________________________________________________________________________________________  Do Not List

SPouse/SIG OTHER: ________________________________________________________________________________________  Do Not List

OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS: _______________________________________________________________________________  Do Not List

*ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________________________________________  Do Not List

*CITY: ______________________________________________________________________________________________  Do Not List

*STATE: ______________________________________________________________________________________________  Do Not List

*S DIGIT POSTAL CODE: ___________________________________________________________________________________  Do Not List

*COUNTY: ______________________________________________________________________________________________  Do Not List

PRIMARY CONTACT PHONE: ________________________________________________________________________________  Do Not List

E-MAIL ______________________________________________________________________________________________  Do Not List

*Required information. Most, but not all of our communication with members is preferred to be done by email.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2014

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.

Complete if you have not paid by PayPal

One year membership ________ $20.00 per year  
Contributing member ________ $30.00 per year  
Sustaining member ________ $50.00 per year

Membership Type Single Family

Number of membership cards required ____________

Additional contributions $ _______ (tax deductible)

TROT NEWSLETTER
I prefer to receive the TROT Newsletter by:
___ email (full color addition) or ___ U.S. Mail (black on yellow) or ___ 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.
___ Ride Leader ___ Horse World Expo Booth ___ Trail Clearing ___ Judged Pleasure Ride ___ Annual Dinner/Silent Auction Other Activities (list) ________________________________________________________________________________

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CLASSIFIED ADS
To place an ad email: marcia.lyons7@gmail.com
TROT Members: One regular (100 word) ad FREE!

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

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BOARDING, HORSE PROPERTY
STALL AVAILABLE AT MILLHAVEN FARM -
Millhaven is a beautiful, well-maintained full-board horse farm in Derwood, near Olney and Gaithersburg. We back directly up to the Agricultural History Farm Park, which has wonderful trails and fields for riding. We have lighted indoor and outdoor arenas, a hot water wash stall and a heated tack and bathroom. Owner’s home is built above barn and staff lives on premises, enabling us to provide individualized 24/7 care. Boarders are a friendly group from all riding disciplines. Please check out our website: www.millhavenhorsefarm.com or call 301-963-0630.

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REGISTERED BAY MARE
11 yr old Paso Fino. Does it all! $3,500 obo within reason.
301-829-0881 BNewquist@pleasantsconstruction.com

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EQUINE CRANIO-SACRAL THERAPY & MASSAGE
Janet Young, PhD, EEBW, TROT Member 202-997-2378
janet@goldray.com www.equine-equanimity.com

Give your horse a treat for the New Year!

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.

Members get 10% discount.
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