2013 Judged Pleasure Ride

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, October 12, 2013
Rain Date: Sunday, October 13, 2013

Saddle up for a day of fun, friends, food and prizes.

ANNOUNCING A NEW VENUE FOR 2013
TROT is pleased to announce the 2013 Judged Pleasure Ride (JPR) will be hosted by the Maryland Sunrise Stables located on the historic site of the U.S. Naval Academy Dairy Farm. The farm, now known as Maryland Sunrise Farm, is located at 100 Dairy Lane in Gambrills, MD and is easily accessible from I-95, Route 3, Route 175 and Route 32.

For additional information go to www.TROT-md.org

JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE
BE A PART OF IT!

Everyone can participate in the TROT Judged Pleasure Ride! First, the JPR is open to both TROT members and non-members, so bring your friends and riding buddies to ride with you! Not planning to ride? There are lots of volunteer jobs available. We need judges and judge’s helpers, folks to set up obstacles, and to just be available for the myriad of last minute jobs. We guarantee that you will have fun, meet a lot of nice people, and see a lot of great trail riding. Contact Kyle Jossi if you would like to volunteer (301-706-3714 or countrygirlkyle@gmail.com).
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Presidents Message
Pat Talbot, President

Trail Riding season is in full swing now. I hope everyone is enjoying the club sponsored rides. Don’t forget that you can add a ride any time throughout the year by just calling Stephanie Cacapardo 240876 9689 and give her the information on your ride.

Department of Agriculture rules are changing when travelling horse. Call your State Veterinarian’s Office or American Horse Council for updated rules. Phone numbers below.

- Maryland (410) 841-5810
- Pennsylvania (717) 772-2852
- Virginia (804) 692-0601
- West Virginia (304) 538-2397 or (304) 558-2214
- American Horse Council (202) 296-4031

We are trying a few new things this year Adopt-A-Trail, Online store for TROT Logo ware and County Meetings.

If anyone needs to talk to me about club related business, answer to something that is bothering you or you have any suggestion for TROT. Please call me or email me. My number and address 301 704 3871 pattalbott70@gmail.com.

COUNTY COORDINATORS

Howard County Report
Pat Oliva

HELLO Howard County TROT members. now that I have retired from County Coordinator, I just want to take a minute to thank all of you for your support over the years. The extra effort you made attending meetings, and writing and e-mailing park personnel and county officials made my job worthwhile.

There is so much more to be done. Stand beside your next Coordinator, and give him or her your full support.

Post Script! I was called by the Parks and Recreation Department for a special meeting concerning the Benson Branch Park. We met June 14th to discuss the future plans for the park. There were some areas of the trail that needed repair, and it was agreed by all of us that the trail work should be completed before the parking area is installed. The parking area will be moved to the area I first asked for years ago! The visibility for pulling in and out of Folly Quarter Road will be greatly improved. The time-frame is not certain at this time.

Montgomery County Report
Ron MacNab

MONTGOMERY PARKS’ LOOPS AND LINKS TRAILS PLAN
Montgomery Parks is modifying the Trails Plan that was adopted in 1998. “This new framework is intended to simplify the plan and make it more realistic and implementable. It was developed in close coordination with the Trails Working Group, an informal committee composed of representatives from trail user groups and park stewardship advocates that is advising the Department on ways to improve the plan. “ The group has been meeting for three hours, once a month for the past eighteen months. The revised plan will focus on creating smaller, multi-use, interconnected loops that will serve the distributed population centers in Montgomery Co. Public meetings were held on June 24 and 25 to received feedback on the proposed amendment.

Final approval by the Planning Commission is expected by September.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TRAILS PLAN
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Trails Division formed a Trails Advisory Group to provide input on a five year plan for Maryland State Trails. The trails plan will be part of DNR’s larger Land Preservation and Recreation Plan. Public meetings were held this spring asking citizens for their input on State outdoor recreation facilities and services in areas throughout Maryland. The recreational evaluations are the first step in a comprehensive statewide effort to enhance existing recreation areas in Maryland, these include; State parks, forests, wildlife areas and trails.

DNR is asking participants to assess the extent to which outdoor recreation facilities, programs and services meet the needs of the community and identify future demand and need.

As a member of the Trails Advisory Group representing equestrians, please send me your suggestions on how DNR can improve its services to equestrians. Please send suggestions to ronmacnab@verizon.net.

PROPOSED HORSE CAMPING AT LITTLE BENNETT REGIONAL PARK
Montgomery Parks will study the feasibility of creating several equestrian campsites in Little Bennett Regional Park. Little Bennett, offering 20+ miles of natural surface trails, is a popular riding location in central Maryland. Equestrian campsites would benefit both trail riders and those traveling with their horse on Route 270. The Little Bennett Park currently operates a very successful family oriented campground.
County Coordinators Continued

Baltimore County News

Priscilla Huffman

The second meeting of Baltimore County TROT members was held May 28, with five members attending: Betsy Hochstein, Priscilla Huffman, Dick Huffman, Monika Munn, and Ann Perry. Agenda items included mapping of local trails, planning a TROT ride, distribution of brochures and increasing local membership.

It was decided that for now the group will focus on getting the Hereford Area of Gunpowder Falls State Park 100% rideable, then schedule a TROT trail ride there. A few sections may need to be re-routed, which requires permission from DNR. Priscilla is requesting a meeting with Gunpowder Falls park management to continue building a relationship between TROT and DNR. To focus on awareness of our organization, each meeting attendee signed up for specific stables in the area to contact, and send or drop off TROT brochures.

TROT has been in touch with Jack Schutter, the DNR trail volunteer coordinator, and will be selecting a mile of trail to maintain for the DNR Adopt A Mile program. Bruno Conticello has set up a Baltimore County TROT Facebook page. All members are welcome to view our page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/597045973658997/

The next scheduled Baltimore County meeting is Tuesday, July 23 at the home of Monika Munn.

Ride Reports

Lovely Rock Gorge TROT ride, May 4

Barbara Sollner-Webb

On May 4, eighteen TROT members enjoyed a ride on WSSC’s spectacular Rock Gorge Trail. We had an all-walk group (led by Terry Ledley, to whom WSSC dedicated this trail 15 years ago), a walk-trot group (led by Denis Webb) and a walk-trot-tolt-canter group (led by Barbara Sollner-Webb) – so a speed for everyone’s liking. The day was beautifully sunny and crisp, the trail in excellent shape with lovely views of the reservoir and of a heron flying by! We had a delightful group horses and very nice TROT members! Near the end of the ride, we stopped at Denis’ and Barb’s house for a fun get-together and yummy pot-luck lunch.

The ride was particularly enjoyable, celebrating the re-opening of this trail. As you know from past Newsletter articles, TROT, elected officials, and many individuals have worked hard for the past two years to allow access to these equestrian trails, after WSSC closed them to horses claiming possible damage to water quality. But WSSC’s own environmental report concluded the horses did not negatively affect the reservoir. Now WSSC has teamed with equestrians to not only allow access, but WSSC crews have cleared literally hundreds of fallen trees, creating a lovely 17 mile equestrian boulevard from Supplee Lane to Tucker Lane. So a celebration was in order! Note that a WSSC use permit is required to ride these trails, and please be sure never to ride when the trails are too wet.
Adopt a Trail

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.

Please consider volunteering by filling out the form below:

Call Amy Kimble (TROT past coordinator) at 301-748-8310 or e-mail, amyhkimble@aol.com, with any questions.

NAME: ____________________________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________________________

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TRAIL SYSTEM OR AREA YOU RIDE: __________________________________________

CONTACT INFO.: 

E-MAIL ____________________________________________

CELL/PHONE: ____________________________________________

DATE: ____________________________________________

COUNTY: ____________________________________________

STATE: ____________________________________________

Mail form to: Amy Kimble 9622 Woodsoboro Road, Frederick, MD 21701
MARYLAND DNR PUBLIC MEETING

Public Meeting on Future Maryland State Outdoor Recreation Facilities and Services

Nancy Osgood

On June 19 a number of TROT members attended the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) public meeting regarding outdoor recreation facilities, programs and services. DNR held a series of public meetings to gather information from stakeholders regarding how these facilities, programs and services are meeting the needs of the community. The DNR also requested information from an on-line survey. Public input will be used to help guide the update of the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan, which will serve as a road map for future State outdoor recreation facilities and services. There were many competing interests represented at the meeting – so it was important that equestrians were there to participate. Specific topics included getting younger folks involved in these programs, managing conflicting interests (e.g., birdwatching and off-road vehicle use), and trail creation and connectivity.

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 added bonus, TROT earns money every time you make a purchase!

UNION MILLS

Union Mills Trails

Howard Lanham has written an Internet trail guide to the southern network of trails at Union Mills, near Westminster, Carroll Co., Maryland that can be viewed at: http://hglanham.tripod.com/Horses/horses63.html

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 WORK REPORT

Trail Work on National Trails Day

Amy Kimble

I worked with the Boy Scouts on National Trails Day - June 1st. We were doing "turnpiking" on the Seneca Bluffs Trail. Turnpiking is basically putting down two logs about 4 feet apart and filling it with dirt to raise the trail bed to prevent muddy areas in low lying trails.
July 20 - New Market - Ride leader Stephanie Cacopardo

This will be a short WT pace ride, 1.5 to 2 hrs. There is a short walk on pavement on a dead end street. Once on the trail it is mostly woods w/a short ride around some fields and then back in the woods. There are plenty of easy creek crossings. There is some rock, but I ride all the time w/my barefoot horse. If yours is tender footed bring boots. Also bring a fly hood as there will be deer flies. There is a pond w/a horse/people friendly entry below the trailer parking and last year most every one went swimming or at least splashing w/ their horse. After a cool off in the pond bring a side for the BBQ lunch, burgers and dogs supplied. Ready to ride at 10:00 am.

CONTACT - STEPHANIE CACOPARDO - 240-876-9689
1. You must contact the ride leader to save a spot on the ride.
2. Check the TROT website to see if there is any change in the trail ride schedule.

July 28 - Frederick Watershed/Frederick Municipal Forest - Ride leaders Sheila and Randal Gilbert

The ride will last 2 1/2-3 hrs. with a lunch break at one of the ponds, where you can swim your horse to cool off. Pack your own lunch or snacks. The ride will start out and end on the gravel fire roads up to smaller multiuse trails. There will be cyclists and hikers so your horse needs to be accustomed to them. The terrain is hilly and rocky so your horse will need shoes or boots. There are creek crossings and a pond for your horse to drink, but no water at the trailer parking area. The pace will be mostly at a walk with some trotting and possibly canter if the group agrees. We will be parking in a grassy area next to a small block building off Mountaindale Rd., just below the reservoir.

Directions: From Rt. 15 about 10 miles north of Frederick, MD, turn west onto Hansonville Rd. and then west onto Mountaindale Rd. There is an old nursery called Mr. Naturals at this intersection. It is closed down now, but the sign is still there. Stay on Mountaindale Rd. until you cross over a small bridge and come to a stop sign. Turn left at the stop, to remain on Mountaindale Rd. The road winds around a few small cabins heading to the reservoir. Just before the road turns to gravel there is a small block building on the right. Park in the grassy area next to this building. Please RSVP by Thurs. July 25th. RTR 10:00am.

CONTACT - SHEILA AND RANDAL GILBERT - 301-898-7921
1. You must contact the ride leader to save a spot on the ride.
2. Check the TROT website to see if there is any change in the trail ride schedule.

August 17 - New Market - Ride Leader Stephanie Cacopardo

This will be open to TROT and the Mt. Airy Saddle Pals. This will be a short W,T pace ride, 1.5 to 2 hrs. There is a short walk on pavement on a dead end street. Once on the trail it is mostly woods w/a short ride around some fields and then back in the woods. There are plenty of easy creek crossings. There is some rock, but I ride all the time w/my barefoot horse. If yours is tender footed bring boots. Also bring a fly hood as there will be deer flies. There is a pond w/a horse/people friendly entry below the trailer parking and last year most every one went swimming or at least splashing w/ their horse. After a cool off in the pond bring a side for the BBQ lunch, burgers and dog supplied. Ready to ride at 10:00 am.

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Sept. 7 - Cederville State Forest - Ride leader Judie Artman

Cedarville State Forest has nearly 20 miles of trails that wind their way through pine and hardwood forests with a few clearings. Most trails are single track and flat but there are a few hills. Not many rocks but you might encounter some gravel which has been put down to improve wet areas. The trails can be hard packed in dry weather. Expect some bridges and tree roots and possibly hikers and mountain bikers. The pace will be walk/trot with some cantering if the group wishes, and the ride will be approximately 8-10 miles long. The grassy parking area is a nice place for a picnic, so bring along some food and a chair if you’d like to eat afterwards.

CONTACT - JUDIE ARTMAN - 301- 627-7939
1. You must contact the ride leader to save a spot on the ride.
2. Check the TROT website to see if there is any change in the trail ride schedule.

November 23 - College Park to Ft. Lincoln Cemetery - John Angevine ride leader

Be ready to ride at 10:00 for a W/T pace ride that will be about 2.5 to 3 hrs. This is a wonderful and amazing ride. Even though this is within the city, the park still offers plenty of lovely scenery and wildlife. It will also offer people, dogs, and bicycles, so your horse must be ok with all of those distractions. Please call John for details on the ride and parking directions.

JOHN ANGEVINE RIDE LEADER - 301-937-0014
1. You must contact the ride leader to save a spot on the ride.
2. Check the TROT website to see if there is any change in the trail ride schedule.
**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.

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**Benson Branch Park**  
Sandy Brewer  e-mail: 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 CAuletta@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 (Harford County)**  
Joyce Browning  (410) 557-6165 / (443) 966-0249

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**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.ivy@gmail.com

**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

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BOARDING, HORSE PROPERTY

LOOKING FOR A GOOD NEIGHBOR - When we moved to our new farm in Sykesville, we discovered that this is a very horse-friendly area. Recently, a small farm on our lane has gone up for sale. We'd love to have some fellow trail riders as neighbors. The house is a cute 1920's updated farm house. Three acres, easy access to Piney Run Park, trails off property, and close to Morgan Run. Two nice pastures with run-ins and a large tack/storage area. Address is 2 Sheppard Lane. Contact Randy Ripley (listing agent) at randy@believeinripley.com. $475K.

Kyle Jossi  countrygirlkyle@gmail.com  7/13

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.

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 semiretired horse or pony. For more information please call the farm at 410-489-4752 or visit our Blog at: http://thistlehillfarm.wordpress.com/ 11/12

HORSES- SALE, LEASE OR FREE

THREE 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. (3) Fully Reg Zippo Black Pine quarter horse gelding does trails hunters and cross country. Ride western or English. Can pick up trail at end road from barn. Not spooky. For info call Carol at 240-447-5186 7/11
IRON DANCER - Horse for Adoption!!!! Iron is a great trail riding horse whether leading or following. He is curious and forward moving, does not spook at things and truly enjoys having a job to do. He stands in cross ties nicely, is good for the vet, dentist and farrier. He is ready for his new home, has been off the track for over a year and a half and has found his new discipline. He is a pure thoroughbred, but looks more like a cross with a quarter horse, very solid build. He did have an injury from racing, but has made a great recovery and ready for his new family! His adoption fee is $1,500.00, those proceeds go back to helping another thoroughbred go through the program! Contact Stacie Nichols 443-324-6128 Cell, Renaissance Equestrian Foundation, www.renaissanceequestrianfoundation.org 7/13

WANTED: Retirement home for my wonderful trail horse, Tucker, a well-mannered 22 year old gelding. Willing to pay for some care. Contact Naomi @ 301-279-7994 7/13

EXCEPTIONAL ICELANDIC TRAIL HORSE “Odinn”. Flashy black and white pinto gelding, 14 hands, 10 yrs. Trained by professional Icelandic trainers, four exceptionally smooth, natural gaits, transitions easily between a walk, trot, tolt, canter. Curious, brave, leads anywhere without hesitation (water, bridges, roads, steep trails, brush). Excellent conformation, sound, without vices or health issues, always barefoot. Born in US, no summer eczema. Lovely disposition, gets along with people, pets, horses. Loads easily, stands for farrier, vet, clipping, grooming, mounting, dismounting. Ideal for intermediate rider interested in showing, competing or just logging miles toltling down the trail. Dreamhorse.com Odinn fra NN (1878081). jathacher@yahoo.com 7/13

MISC. - TRAILERS, SADDLES, TACK, ETC
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
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Newsletter Staff

SAVE THE DATE!  TROT’s 2013 Judged Pleasure Ride will be held on October 12 (rain date October 13) at Maryland Sunrise Stables in Gambrills, MD – a wonderful new venue!  This is our signature event of the year – designed to be a lot of fun for you and your horse.  Don’t miss it!

TROT’S ADVOCACY MISSION.  The TROT Board and members have been busy the past month representing equestrian interests at various meetings in Maryland.  What are our interests?  Development and preservation of environmentally friendly and sustainable equestrian trails, connectivity of trails and trail systems, adequate and safe trailer parking facilities.  See inside for more information.

RIDE LEADERS WANTED!  Steph Cacapardo has been working hard to provide a wide variety of trail ride opportunities this year.  Please contact her if you would be willing to lead a ride.  It is easy and fun – and a great way to share your favorite trails!