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[Photos and articles without attribution are from Barbara Sollner-Webb]

SUCCESSFUL SCOTT PURDUM TRAIL CLINIC

On June 24, TROT hosted a very successful, two-session Trail Obstacle Clinic kindly organized by Debby Poole and expertly presented by Scott Purdum. Attendees felt they learned a tremendous amount about dealing with "scary monsters" their horses might encounter on a trail ride and in general about dealing with their horse's fears.

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[lots more photos were posted on Facebook]



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Gale Monahan

Summertime and the weather is easy – and hot. TROT rides are no longer getting rained out, but many are getting postponed due to heat. Happily, the Scott Purdum clinic (see above) was on a day with comfortable weather.

When the weather lifts, hopefully you can get out on the trail. However, everyone needs to be mindful that although you may have an absolutely gorgeous day for a ride after a very wet, rainy day or two, the trails may be sloppy and muddy. Riding on such trails can -- and does -- cause erosion, thus destroying a trail. Please consider where and when you ride. We do not wish to lose a trail system because of our enthusiasm.

Also, please remember to clean up after your horses in parking areas and remind those you ride with to do the same. We have gotten complaints from park managers about manure left behind in parking lots. Again, we do not wish to lose a place to ride. If needed, clean up after others too, please!

I also wanted to mention that the Maryland Horse Council is offering to organizations such as TROT a percentage of the organization's membership fee for every member that signs up through their organization. So, if you wish to know more about what is going on in Maryland, you should join the Maryland Horse Council. Fill out their form, write a check, but send it through TROT. You may contact me (<gale.email2@gmail.com> or 301-854-3852) for more information, or go to <<http://www.mdhorsecouncil.org>>.

SIGN UP ASAP TO RIDE WITH TROT IN THE LISBON HORSE PARADE, December 10, 2016

Pat Oliva has offered to organize a group of TROT riders to participate in Lisbon's holiday parade (which has been re-instituted for 2016). It will be held Dec 10. Hopefully there will be enough TROT members who are interested. Reservations are due August 1, so please contact Pat by July 25th for info or if you would like to participate (<patolivatiqger@aol.com>, 410-489-7380).

GETTING YOUR TROT NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

This is to members who receive the newsletter in black and white (well, yellow) in your mailbox. Wouldn't you prefer to get it quicker and with the photos in color and at higher resolution? To switch from snail mail to email delivery, please contact TROT's membership chair, Sim Shanks at <simshanks@verizon.net> or 301-570-0614.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR TRAIL RIDING-RELATED EVENTS – see page 2

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR TRAIL RIDING ACTIVITIES

from the TROT Board

COORDINATOR and VOLUNTEERS FOR TRAIL OBSTACLE EVENT: This is a great opportunity for YOU to help trail riding! TROT members greatly appreciated our Trail Obstacle Event last fall, feeling it was fun and very valuable, and asked that it be repeated in fall 2016. That would be great, but we need volunteers to help organize and work on it. Please, if this sounds like a way you might be willing for you to support TROT, call Gale Monahan (<gale.email2@gmail.com>, 301-854-3852), to discuss possibilities and hopefully volunteer.

COORDINATOR and VOLUNTEERS FOR ANNUAL MEETING/POT-LUCK DINNER/SILENT AUCTION: Volunteers needed for committee to help coordinate and plan TROT's annual meeting/potluck dinner/silent auction, to be held March 4, 2017 in Mt Airy. This is a fun event, highly appreciated by our members. Contact Gale Monahan (<gale.email2@gmail.com> or 301-854-3852).

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR and CONSTANT CONTACT GURU: Sim Shanks, who has long -- and wonderfully -- filled these key positions, needs someone (or ones) to take over. Please contact him at <simshanks@verizon.net> or 301-570-0614.

TRAIL RIDE COORDINATOR: A volunteer is needed for the important position of coordinating TROT's trail rides. Our rides are fun, educational and highly appreciated by our members. Contact Barbara Sollner-Webb (<bsw@jhmi.edu> or 301-604-5619).

LOGOWEAR COORDINATOR: People enjoy TROT's logowear, but we need someone to take it over. The logowear is now well-organized and in good shape for a new volunteer. Contact Barbara Sollner-Webb (<bsw@jhmi.edu> or 301-604-5619).

SUCCESSFUL SCOTT PURDUM TRAIL CLINIC -- continued from page 1 from many contributors

From Debby Poole, event organizer: This was my first time hosting for TROT and working with The Scott Purdum Advantage Horsemanship team. I was very pleased, as both groups have been wonderful to work with. We had an early morning setback with traffic and extra riders in the first session. But with Scott's wife Grace, also an excellent trainer, it worked out, especially with the husband and wife team competing good-naturedly to do a better job of training and offering a lot of humor. For the second session, Grace left and Scott worked with a smaller group of seven. I think the most fun for me was watching how to train the mules (we had four that day) compared to how to train the horses. The TROT board encouraged me to book another Friday clinic with Scott in the fall. I got a lot of positive feedback, a sample of which is below:

From Nat Vandenberg (attendee): The Scott Purdum Obstacle Clinic provided a diversity of obstacles that strengthened communication between horse and rider and addressed issues such as balance and trust. Each obstacle had multiple level goals so both beginning and advanced participants could find a suitable challenge. I felt that my equine mule Gracie and I benefited a lot from attending. I think many of the obstacles could be reproduced easily by TROT members, and I hope we have some additional in-house events to practice what we learned.

From Mary Prowell (attendee): Although my horse Cal doesn't mind much, I wanted to see what he would do in a group with a bunch of obstacles. He did them all with a little encouragement on a couple, mainly the cowboy curtain and stepping into instead of around the little pools. Scott's wife Grace was very helpful with advice about the rope gate obstacle, more my problem than Cal's. Her advice: take a step, remove the rope from the post, stop, think about the next step, walk through the gate, stop, think, move his rear around, stop, think, walk forward and put the rope on the gate. Good advice for doing any obstacle.



From Carol Sharp (spectator): The experience was educational as well as entertaining, with Scott's humor and calm demeanor. Scott began with learning all the participants' names and their horses' personalities. He explained each obstacle and the levels of difficulty each person could work on. Owners began the training on the ground with their horses and after achieving some success on the ground, they were instructed to attempt the obstacles in the saddle. Scott and his wife Grace worked independently with owner and horse when a horse was hesitant. Scott explained how to spot curiosity versus stubbornness and how to capitalize on it to help the horse attempt the task. Scott and Grace were very knowledgeable and their methods instilled confidence in the owner and supported a bond of communication between rider and horse.



[photo from Alison Meyers]



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS *from Sim Shanks*

Page Etzler	Carroll Co, MD
Marylyn Brennan	Frederick Co, MD
Jacki Edens	Howard Co, MD
Michelle Chambers	Montgomery Co, MD

Francine "Fran" Koch	Montgomery Co, MD
Margaret Yao Pursell	Montgomery Co, MD
Barbara Utz	Prince George's Co, MD
Greg Thornwall	Washington Co, MD
Katie Posey	VA

PLEASE DO TRAIL WORK!

from Barbara Sollner-Webb

Please Do Trail Upkeep Each Time You Ride

Whenever you are out on the trails, whether riding or hiking, please take some time to do needed trail upkeep! This can be as easy as clipping or breaking any protruding branches as you ride by. And then please report your trail work time and location to TROT's Adopt-A-Trail coordinator, Amy Kimble ([<amykimble@aol.com>](mailto:amykimble@aol.com)), as these hours are very beneficial to the local parks' budgets. Also PLEASE report your trail work to the newsletter editor ([<bsw@jhmi.edu>](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu)) for inclusion in the next issue, as it will help inspire other TROT members to also contribute to trail maintenance.

If You Prefer Group Trail Work Efforts

Almost any day you are inclined to go out to do trail work, but want a trail work buddy, contact TROT's Adopt-A-Trail coordinator, Amy Kimble ([<amykimble@aol.com>](mailto:amykimble@aol.com)). She likely will be out doing trail work and would love to have you join her.

For folks in the area of Carroll County, the Carroll County Equestrian Council (CCEC) organizes a very active trail work program, always 9 AM to noon. See [<http://www.carrollcountyequestriancouncil.org/calendar.htm>](http://www.carrollcountyequestriancouncil.org/calendar.htm) for CCEC's up-to-date trail work information. And please report your trail work hours to Amy Kimble (see above).

- Morgan Run: Sat. Sept. 3; Sun. Oct. 9; Sun. Nov. 13 – call ahead to Carolyn Garber (410-549-5141)
- Piney Run, Sat. Sept. 10 – call ahead to Bridget McCullough (301-829-7442)
- Gillis Falls/Equestrian Center, Sat. Sept. 17 – call ahead to Peggy Miller (410-549-1608)
- Union Mills, Sun. Sept. 25 – call ahead to Howard Lanham (410-259-2964)

*** If you know of other trail riding/hiking/bicycling groups who organize trail work parties in other areas, please let the newsletter editor know about this ([<bsw@jhmi.edu>](mailto:bsw@jhmi.edu) or 301-604-5619), for inclusion in future TROT newsletters. ***

TRAIL WORK BY TROT MEMBERS

Surely lots of TROT members do trail upkeep while out riding (please do report it to me), but here are a few examples of great trail work:

MORGAN RUN TRAIL CLEARING -- from Kyle Jossi: On Saturday, July 10th, an energetic group of Carroll County Equestrian Council members, with Kyle also representing TROT, got together to clear trails at Morgan Run (see photo). You don't realize how extensive these trails are until you walk them or drive them to get to your assigned trail clearing spot. The weather was perfect and we all appreciated the cool breeze. If you've never ridden at Morgan Run (located south of Westminster), you're missing some lovely, wide, grassy trails. There is plenty of trailer parking. These trails are maintained only through the efforts of private individuals. CCEC Secretary Carolyn Garber coordinates several trail clearing days each year (see above). [Note: Carroll is one of the few counties that permit approved equestrians to use mechanized equipment in trail work.]



UPPER PATUXENT TRAIL CLEARING – work by Mary Prowell: Many days this year, Mary Prowell and/or Lisa Troutman -- sometimes joined by other riders -- have been out on horse and/or on foot, clearing bad undergrowth (especially multiflora rose), impinging branches, fallen tree limbs, etc. off the trails in the Upper Patuxent park. Before Mary's planned TROT ride this summer, your editor joined her for a day of trail work, and we accomplished an amazing amount! Here is a photo of Mary sawing a tree trunk that was blocking the trail.



ROCKY GORGE TRAILS – work by Lucy Ertter: The big storms we have recently had brought down vast numbers of branches and other stuff impeding the trail. Many times, Lucy Ertter has been out on her horse and on foot, clearing up this mess on the Rocky Gorge trail, to again make it a lovely, unobstructed ride.

NEW VOLUNTEER MOUNTED PATROL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT PATUXENT, GUNPOWDER AND PATAPSCO STATE PARKS

from Jean Swartz

Give back to the park system that gives us trails by being the eyes and ears for the park rangers as you ride. New Volunteer Mounted Patrol opportunities are available at Patuxent, Gunpowder and Patapsco State Parks.

Please note that Patuxent State Park is just beginning its volunteer mounted patrol program and is asking you to spread the word to other riders of the area. The park's staff needs help to know when trees go down, to have you trim a few briar bushes as you go, and to offer assistance to other riders.

Contact Jean Swartz 410-346-7060 or email <jswartzldj@verizon.net> for more information. {See also Priscilla Huffman's Baltimore area report on page 12, below, for more information on the Gunpowder Park Volunteer Mounted Patrol.}

UPCOMING TROT TRAIL RIDES

from Barbara Sollner-Webb

TROT rides are a great way to have fun, learn new trails, meet new riding buddies, and -- probably most important for TROT's mission -- to see the virtue of preserving trails. Please sign up to lead a ride by contacting Barbara Sollner-Webb (at 301-604-5619 or <bsw@jhmi.edu>).

To participate in a ride, **contact the designated ride leader to sign up and learn the specifics, including the start time.** Then, if bad weather causes a ride to be postponed, the ride leader will be able to notify you. All ride participants **must wear helmets**, have current negative Coggins for the horses, and be TROT members (membership forms at <<http://www.trot-md.org>> and at the ride; also there are \$5 one-day memberships to encourage non-TROT riders to join). If you want to come on a ride but do not have a trailer, contact the ride leader, as often she can arrange for another participant to pick you and your horse up (assuming your horse is familiar with trailering); or you can post a request on the TROT list-serve.

For updated ride listings, please check TROT's schedule at <<http://www.trot-md.org>> and TROT's website, and watch for posting on the TROT and Maryland Trail Riders Yahoo list-serves. This is especially important if you might want to sign up but feel that the ride might be cancelled due to heat or wet ground.

[Please note that everyone is welcome to announce our TROT rides and invite folks to join, but to protect the integrity of our ride program, in that announcement please include all the above requirements and do not add other erroneous information.]



**Horse and riders
ready for an earlier Rocky Gorge TROT ride,
before splitting up into all-walk, walk-trot, and walk-trot-canter riding groups**

July

Thursday, July 28 –Fairland Regional Park in Montgomery and Prince George's counties

Contact: Laury Lobel <Laurylobel@verizon.net>; co-leader: Barbara Sollner-Webb

This is Laury's "last-Thursday-of-the-month" ride, and this one will be at Fairland, because it is entirely in the shade. Laury will lead a walk-only ride, while Barbara will lead a group doing some trotting (assuming it is not too hot). Please bring lunch and a chair for after the ride -- drinks and dessert will be provided.

Saturday, July 30 – NCR (North Central Railroad)/Torrey Brown trail in Freeland, MD

Contact: Laura Colicchio (301-856-7540 or <lavenderlady19@verizon.net>); co-leader: Barbara Sollner-Webb

The NCR trail is another treasure in our Maryland trail system that riders should get to know. It is a lovely, hard-packed dirt rails-to-trails, over 20 miles in Maryland, from just north of Baltimore to the Pennsylvania line, and then continuing another 21 miles to York, PA, basically paralleling (but not close to) I-83. At many places the trail crosses the Gunpowder Falls River, great for giving the horses a drink and cooling off. We will leave from Freeland in northern Maryland and ride about 2 ½ hours, with an all-walk group and a walk/trot/(and a little canter) group. Please bring along a contribution for a potluck lunch after the ride, at a nice picnic table in the shade (next to a pump with really cold water!).

August

Saturday, August 13 - Great Falls and Riverbend trails, in nearby Virginia (rain date Saturday, August 20)

Contact: Cecile Neuvens (<Cecile.neuvens@gmail.com> or 703 622 3845)

Come discover or re-discover trails just south of the Potomac River, in Virginia. The ride will start from the trailer parking lot of Riverbend Park and will take us along the Potomac Heritage trail, the Bootlegger and Carriage trails and others in and between Riverbend Park and Great Falls National Park. Expect some hills, gravel, and some patches of rocks as well as hikers, picnic parties and mountain bikers. But first and foremost, expect some great views of the Potomac river and nice shade. Shoes or boots are recommended but horses with strong barefoot hooves should be fine. Considering the terrain, the ride will be mostly at a walk with some trotting here and there. The ride will cross a couple of streams but bring water for your horses for after the ride. Bring chairs and snacks for after the ride.

The number of trailers that the parking can accommodate is limited, so sign up early and trailer pool as much as possible.

[Editor's note: If you have not ridden here, it is GORGEOUS, and we are very fortunate to have this ride added this year!]

September

Saturday, September 10 – Fairland Park, Burtonsville, MD (rain date Saturday, September 17)

Contact: Barbara Sollner-Webb (<bsw@jhmi.edu> or 301-604-5619); **co-leader:** Jenn Poole

We will again be riding the lovely trails in scenic Fairland Regional Park, which spans Montgomery and Prince George's counties, really nice trails that too few riders know about and use. There will be an all-walk and a faster group; shoes needed only for very tender-footed horses. And please bring something yummy to share for a potluck after the ride.

Saturday, September 24 –Jug Bay, in southern Prince George's County, MD

Contact: Jacquie Cowan (<jacquiecowan@comcast.net> or 410-215-4979)

TROT is delighted to again bring you a ride at Jug Bay, which we have not had for several years. This is a beautiful park, and is on the Patuxent River – so fitting with our 2016 focus on trails on the Patuxent! More info in the next newsletter.

Friday, September 30 - Sunday, October 2 – League of Maryland Horsemen Invitational, Marriottsville, MD

TROT members are invited to the League of Maryland Horsemen's Invitational Weekend at its private campground in Patapsco Valley State Park north of Ellicott City, MD. Great riding, super camaraderie, swell food! More info to come.

October

Sunday, October 2 - Liberty Reservoir, in Carroll County, MD

Contact: Mary Prowell (<boprow@aol.com>)

This ride will be a combination of a dirt fire road that goes around Liberty Reservoir and some woods trails that connect to it. The reservoir is a pretty place to ride, with views of the water while going through a mostly deciduous forest. Pack a lunch for a lunch break at a nice place along the trail. The pace will be walk/trot/canter. Depending on the number of riders, there may be a walk-only group. The footing is mostly good, although there are some rocks on the fire road, and parts of the woods trail are not well-used. There can be hikers, bike riders, and sometimes motor bikes on the fire road, so horses should be able to deal with those things. Plan to be out 2 ½ to 3 hours. Park off Deer Park Road.

Saturday, October 8 – Woodstock Equestrian Park, near Poolesville. MD

Contact: Janet Buck (cell 973-768-1599); **co-leader:** Marcella Morgese

We will begin at the Moritz Greenberg Equestrian Center Main Entrance off Rt. 28 and stay on this side of the park. We ride along the edges of soybean fields to the Greenberg Challenge Loop, the Stone Barn Loop, and back. The trails are scenic, mostly flat with a few minor hills and two bridges across a small stream. No in-water crossings unless there has been recent rain. Some walkers and other riders may be encountered. Some very short rocky paths through the woods but shoes needed only for very tender-footed horses. This ride will have two groups – one walk-only and one for a faster pace group with walk/trot/short canters. Please bring sandwiches and drinks for relaxing after the ride.

Sunday, October 16 - Upper Patuxent-- from Long Corner Road in Damascus, MD

Contact: Mary Prowell (<boprow@aol.com>)

This will be a walk/trot/canter ride with multiple loops so different people can go different distances, returning to the trailers after each section. We will first do a 3-4 mile loop from the parking along Long Corner Road at the bridge over to the Howard County Hunt Club and back. Then we'll go down from the bridge to Mullinex Mill Road, another 1.5 miles or so. Then we will do the Mullinex Mill loop over to Rte. 94 and back (3 miles) and then back down the one-way trail to the trailers. To manage all this (about 10 miles for the full ride), it is a walk/trot/canter ride. This time of year is good to see these trails because in midsummer there can be lots of bugs. Please note that the parking we will use along the road isn't plentiful,

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but several trailers will fit, so be sure to sign up for the ride quickly as spaces are limited. Also, for a nice place to have a lunch, we will likely stop for a break on the Mullinex Mill loop where you can eat a sandwich if you care to bring one.

Seeing these trails should be especially interesting because plans for their improvement have been the subject of articles in recent TROT newsletters (July 2014, July 2015, January 2016 and May 2016). Many of these trail sections are currently eroded and slow. But these trails are being improved by MORE (Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts, an off-road biking group) which has financed an assessment of the trails. Volunteers from this bike club -- along with TROT's Amy Kimble -- have started this work in the Mullinex Mill loop, and TROT has helped finance a critical bridge study (see March 2016 newsletter). Trail construction should begin this year, and volunteers will be most welcome. Contact Amy Kimble (<amyhkimble@aol.com> or 301-748-8310).

Sunday, October 23 - Union Mills, Carroll County, MD

Contact: Janet Whelan (janetwhelan@yahoo.com> or 410-790-1044); co-leader: Ivy Smink

Come join this ride at Unions Mills. This will be approximately a 2-2 ½ hour ride. There are stream crossings and we should be in time to see the beautiful fall foliage. This ride will be walk/trot. We will need to limit the number of horse trailers because we will be riding out from Ivy Smink's house which can accommodate approximately 6-7 trailers. After the ride, lunch will be provided back at Ivy's house. Further details will be provided as we get closer to the date. Hope you can join us.

Saturday, October 29 – Rosaryville Halloween ride, southwest of Upper Marlboro, MD

Contact : Laura Colicchio (<javenderlady19@verizon.net> or 301-856-7540)

We will be riding at the beautiful 982-acre Rosaryville State Park, southwest of Upper Marlboro in Prince George's County. The timing is scheduled so that we should be riding through spectacular fall foliage. And come in a costume! The terrain can be hilly but shoes aren't necessary. We will be riding from Laura's house that abuts the park, not from the main park parking area. And after the ride Laura will be hosting a delicious Bar-B-Q, so please bring something for the luncheon and a chair.

November

Friday through Sunday, November 4-6 – Tuckahoe Fall Festival and Auction, near Denton, MD

Equestrians are invited to this weekend of riding and camping, with home-cooked meals provided. More information to follow.

Saturday November 19 - Anacostia Park Ride, starting in College Park, MD

Contact: John Angevine (301-937-0014)

A favorite TROT ride to close TROT's organized trail riding season. This is a fantastic ride with many special views, including the Lincoln Cemetery and Bladensburg Waterfront! We will travel along the Anacostia River on a very nice path, traversing over and under bridges and roads, passing playgrounds and outdoor workout equipment. A great ride to give green horses experience with hikers, bikers, dogs, and strollers.

TROT welcomes links from other trail riding groups to their ride calendars for inclusion in our newsletter.

PAST TROT TRAIL RIDES

Too many of our scheduled rides had to be cancelled due to rain or ground that was too wet to ride on without damage (the May 21 Rocky Gorge ride of Terry Ledley and Barbara Sollner-Webb, the June 4 Rosaryville ride of Laura Colicchio, and the June 5 Liberty ride and June 12 Upper Patuxent ride of Mary Prowell) or because of excessive heat (the July 9 Woodstock ride of Janet Buck and Marcella Morgese, the July 16 Breezy Loop ride of Marcella Morgese, and the July 24 Rockburn ride of Jacquie Cowan). However, there also was some good weather and we did get in a number of great rides:

Rachel Carson -- Thursday, May 28

from ride leader Laury Lobel

Twelve riders enjoyed the long-awaited perfect weather at Rachel Carson (our previously planned ride here had to be postponed). Our host, Laury Lobel and her new horse Thunder were joined by 11 TROT members (identified in photo below) for a delightful ride of about 1 1/2 hours through this beautiful gem in Montgomery County. We then enjoyed our lunch under a shade tree while the horses grazed. Desserts and drinks were provided by our host, and everyone relished this amazing day.

Rachel Carson riders Grace Richards, Margaret Purcell (a new TROT member), Linda Gasch, Laury Lobel, Jeani Swartz, Jacki Edens, Debby Wagner, Terry Ledley, Debby Poole, Jeanie Kemp and Kathy Lipton [not shown: the photographer, rider Barbara Sollner Webb]



Fairland Park -- Saturday, May 28

Our Fairland ride was in beautiful weather, on Saturday May 28, after it was too wet to ride on the originally planned date. We had eight participants (ride leaders Barbara Sollner-Webb, Jenn Poole and Debby Poole, and participants Tara Roberts, Barbara Utz, Steph Gelfeld, Terry Ledley and Hedy Sladovich). All had a real good time on these very nice trails; most riders were in the all-walk group while a few also enjoyed adding some trotting runs. The ride was followed by a yummy pot-luck lunch get-together. Fairland is a great place to be a good equine ambassador, as many families who come to this park have had no other horse interactions.



Fairland riders Barbara U., Tara, Debby, Steph, Barbara S-W, Terry, Jenn, and Hedy



Rocky Gorge -- Sunday, May 29

Our Rocky Gorge ride on the next day, Sunday May 29, had also been postponed because on the originally planned date it had been too wet to ride without causing trail damage. Today there was beautiful weather. The ride was led by Terry Ledley, Barbara Sollner-Webb, and Denis Webb, and although there were only two other riders (Cecile Neuvens and Larry Raskin), we had a great time on this spectacular trail. On the return leg of the ride, we stopped at Barbara and Denis' home for a delicious potluck.



Rocky Gorge riders Cecile, Terry, Larry, Denis, and Barbara

Riders greatly appreciated that before the ride, the WSSC Watershed staff had kindly gone out to cut away downed trees that were blocking the trail and that for this day they had waived the normal requirement for a watershed use pass. Thank you, WSSC!

Woodstock -- Saturday, June 11

On a lovely Saturday, June 11, nine riders greatly enjoyed riding at the spectacular Woodstock Equestrian Park in Montgomery County. It was led by Karen Kraushaar, along with Marcella Morgese and Janet Buck. There was an all-walk and a walk/trot/canter group. Everyone appreciated the great trails, partly in the woods but many portions along the edges of fields (often shaded from the sun by the trees of the abutting forest), as well as the history of this land. After the ride, was a potluck with delicious food and very enjoyable conversation. For those who don't know Woodstock Equestrian Park, you should! It is a grand facility that Montgomery County has developed within the last decade (see article on Woodstock Equestrian Park on the next page).



Woodstock ride participants John Blake, Ellen Frank, Denis Webb, Kathy Moore, Kim Yocklin, Marcella Morgese, Karen Kraushaar and Janet Buck. Not shown: photographer Barbara Sollner-Webb.

Little Bennett -- Saturday, June 18

TROT's Little Bennett ride, on Saturday, June 18 – a perfect riding day – was led by Leah Mack and was delightful. Ten TROT members enjoyed these lovely trails in an all-walk ride, although a few of us split off at times for a few trotting and canter runs. After the ride we enjoyed a communal lunch, sitting on the picnic tables in one of the horse camping

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Little Bennett Saturday, June 18 – continued from page 7

Little Bennett riders Laury Lobel, Debby Poole, Kathy Lipton, Jean Swartz, Denis Webb, Barbara Sollner-Webb, Terry Ledley, Jenn Poole, Nat Vandenberg. Not shown: photographer Leah Mack.



[photo from Leah Mack]

sites at the far end of the parking area. We celebrated that the Park Service has established these camping areas for equestrians (see write-up on this amenity in the January 2015 TROT newsletter). Do go out and enjoy horse camping there this fall.

Morgan Run -- Thursday, June 30

The last-Thursday-of-the-month ride series, kindly organized by Laury Lobel, was June 30 at Morgan Run, with the actual ride led by Jean Swartz. It was a perfect riding day, and the Morgan Run trails – beautifully maintained by the Carroll County Equestrian council (see article on page 3) – are always wonderful to ride. While billed as an all-walk outing, riders who desired to trot and canter were encouraged to break away from the group and do additional loops moving out, which was lots of fun. We then enjoyed a very relaxing and nice communal lunch at the park's picnic table. Another real treasure of a venue!

Morgan Run riders Jeani Swartz, Debby Wagner, Laury Lobel and Kathy Lipton; photographer Barbara Sollner-Webb is not shown



VISIT WONDERFUL WOODSTOCK EQUESTRIAN PARK

from Derick Berlage

Note: Derick Berlage, an equestrian and TROT member now in Prince George's County, was formerly the Chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Board and was instrumental in establishing Woodstock Equestrian Park. Thank you, Derick!

Woodstock Equestrian Park is a great venue more equestrians should get to know. It is on Rt 28 (there called Darnestown Road), half-way between Beallsville and Dickerson; it is about 17 miles on Rt 28 northwest of I-270, and about 7 miles beyond where Whites Ferry Rd (Rt 107) diverges from Rt 28.

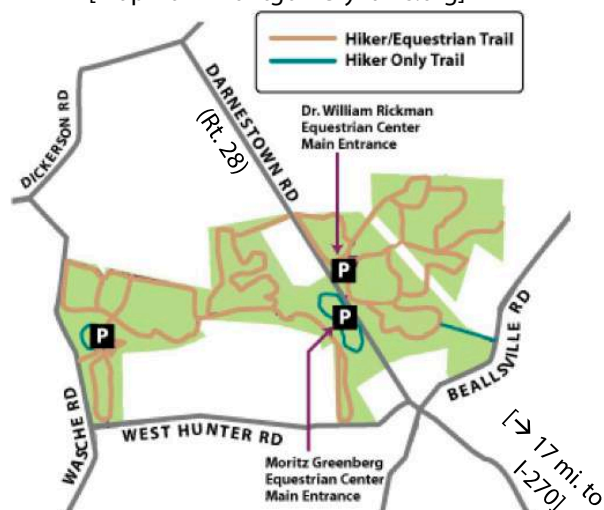
Fifteen years ago, two Montgomery County landowners with strong ties to equestrian sports donated over 800 acres of land to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). It was their dream to build a beautiful park that could be enjoyed by equestrians, nature lovers and history buffs. Today, Woodstock Equestrian Park is a reality, straddling both sides of Route 28 in Montgomery County, just north of the historic town of Beallsville.

The park is a wonderful resource for many different types of users. It includes 16 miles of trails, an outdoor riding ring, a beginner novice cross-country course, the historic Seneca Stone Barn, and the historic Brewer Farm, all surrounded by 872 acres of rolling farmland and forest. It has helped preserve precious farmland and support the equestrian community that is so important to Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve. Valuable forest lands and wildlife have also been protected, not to mention the scenic views along Route 28.

As you enjoy the park, remember that it took years of master planning, fundraising, and volunteer efforts by many people to bring Woodstock into being. The land was donated in 1999 by William Rickman and Herman Greenberg, under the thoughtful guidance of former Planning Board Chairman Bill Hussmann. Shortly thereafter, Woodstock supporters spent many hours hiking and riding the property to plan for its future. I remember one especially invigorating ride with the Park Police mounted unit. Park [continued next page]

Woodstock Equestrian Park

[map from MontgomeryParks.org]



police horses don't often get the chance to gallop full-out, but at Woodstock they had a fine day indeed! A master plan was completed in 2002 and is still available on MNCPPC's website. Then began the long years of cobbling together public and private funds to build the trails, riding ring, parking areas and so forth. Advocates and volunteers came from many places, but the equestrian community was always one of the most important boosters. Sadly, Mr. Greenberg and Mr. Rickman, the original donors, did not live to see the park's completion. But their goal was to leave a great legacy to area equestrians, and that goal they achieved. We are very much in their debt.

The park is located at 20207 Darnestown Road about three-quarters of a mile north of Rt.109 (Beallsville Road). Hours of operation are sunrise to sunset, with the riding ring and cross-country course available if not reserved by a group user. For more info, check out the MNCPPC website <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks_facilities_directory/woodstockequestriansp.shtm>. Happy trails!

HORSE NEWS YOU CAN USE

Carpenter Bees -- Solving a Pesky Problem for Pennies!

from Kathy Lipton

My first spring on my farm, I was dismayed to hear the familiar drone of carpenter bees in the run-in shed and barn. I knew from my previous home that it would cost at least \$100 for an exterminator. So when I saw a post on Facebook promising a cheap way to get rid of carpenter bees, I thought it was worth a try. And it worked! Within two weeks, the bees were gone!

The necessary supplies are simple -- brown paper lunch bags, twine and newspaper. Just crumple the newspaper and fill the bag. Tie off the tops with twine, leaving enough extra to hang the bags in the eaves of buildings. I place several in each structure. →]

How it works: The bags mimic the nest of wasps, which are the natural predators of carpenter bees. Thus, your eaves no longer appear hospitable for carpenter bees and they leave. **So cool!!**



photos from Kathy Lipton, showing how to assemble and hang the bags

Lost Boot Dilemma

from Debby Poole

After riding with different trail groups, in one out of three rides, a horse loses a boot. Sometimes someone notices right away; other times we all go searching -- which can take a long time, as the boot is hard to see against the ground, mud, or weeds/ferns along the trails. Too often the boot rolls off the path and down a hill. These searches take time and can be expensive if the boot isn't found.

So after having a boot come off her horse's hoof a few times, my talented daughter Jennifer came up with a cheap and easy way to find them. She ties on pink or orange surveyor tape. Should the boot come off, the color is a flag saying "here I am, don't leave me here in the wilderness!" [Putting a piece of this surveyor tape on both sides of the boot lets the lost boot be easily seen, no matter which side is facing up.]



Editor's note: Do you remember the good old days when EasyBoot offered their boots also in bright red? It was precisely for this, so that boots were easy to see when lost on a trail. They were great, but regrettably they are no longer being made.

Encouraging Update about Potential Trails on PEPCO Right of Ways

You may recall that several years ago, when the Pepco/Exelon merger was proposed, TROT was part of a coalition of trail user groups that testified at several hearings of the Maryland Public Service Commission about opening Pepco right of ways/powerlines to public access for recreational use -- should this merger go through. Montgomery County Councilman Roger Berliner was a big supporter. And we were successful, persuading the PSC to seek that Pepco open at least some of its powerlines to trail use if the merger went through. Indeed, within 4 months of an approval, work was to begin on two trails of about 12 miles each (one paved, the other unpaved and useful for equestrians) running from Montgomery Mall in Bethesda to the County's Soccerplex in Germantown, with more trails potentially to follow. This plan has long been in limbo, but with the merger now approved (for better or worse?) the trails plan is moving forward. There recently was a meeting of relevant government agencies and several user groups. Attendees were impressed with Pepco's positive attitude. Hopefully many miles of new recreational trails will become available in the foreseeable future, assuming funding does not turn out to be an impediment. Stay tuned.

My Paddock Paradise

from Grace Richards

Three years ago, my husband and I purchased a three-acre farm and couldn't wait to bring my two mares home to live in our backyard. Unfortunately, it didn't take long for them to get overweight from the luscious green pasture. The muzzles came out and the horses spent more and more time in a dry lot. Even with all these precautions, one of the mares foundered.

While searching the Internet on what to do about foundered horses, I came across Jamie Jackson's book *Paddock Paradise- a Guide to Natural Horse Boarding*. It was based on his years of studying horses in the wild and trying to understand the "natural hoof." He observed that the herd would travel in a track pattern of movement. His ideas were later developed to transform a horse paddock into a track system, similar to one he observed in the wild. The goal was to create a stimulating environment that created forward movement and natural exercise for the horse.

Intrigued, I began with a layout of my horse property and established a "track" around the perimeter of my paddock. It is slightly hilly so the horses had to walk up and down to get back to the barn, water or shelter source. A 12-foot wide track was recommended, wide enough for the horses to move and yet not too wide that they would linger in one spot, with the exception of wider grazing areas where you can hang hay bags. I used electrical fencing for the track and gates around the dry lot area. If we have lots of rain or snow, I close off the track and keep the horses in the dry lot around the barn. Gravel and bluestone were put down on the hills to improve traction.

Initially, the the newly made "track" still had lots of grass, but with controlled grazing, it was eaten down quickly. There is still some grass now on the track, but very little. Wood posts have been put up along larger areas along the track to hang hay nets. [See photos at right.]

My horses are much healthier and they seem happier. There is no destructive behavior (such as chewing of wood when they were enclosed in the dry lot area). It is nice to look out my window and see them walking up and down the track to get water or more hay. Now that their founder is under control, the horses are allowed limited pasture time with muzzles.

If you are interested in learning more or in creating a similar paddock, go to <<http://www.jaimejackson.com/>> or to Pinterest where you search for "paradise paddock". There are so many ideas on how to create your own!

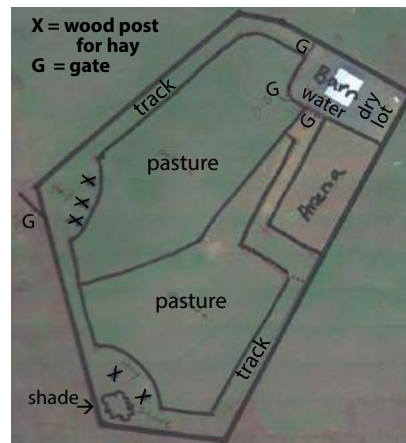


diagram and photos from Grace Richards



The Brown Recluse Spider (?)

from Lisa Stevens

This spring, a horror story unfolded at my barn. One afternoon my horse presented with a swollen left cheek, causing him to hold his head in a manner indicating discomfort. Did he get kicked during turn out? His temperature was 102°F. There seemed to be a small welt under the ridge of his cheek...or maybe not. A dose of injectable banamine was given to control the fever and pain. By next morning, all his sub-mandibular lymph glands were swollen, leading to a presumptive diagnosis of strangles (*Streptococcus equii*). An injectable antibiotic and more banamine were given, cultures were collected, and quarantine implemented.

Fortunately, I had a small barn on my property and moved him there, away from the other horses at his busy boarding barn. And then horrible things began to unfold. Over the next three days, the left side of my horse's head began to swell and red lesions appeared between his cheek and mouth. On day five, all lymph nodes on that side of his face and at his throat began to drain a putrid pus smelling worse than road kill on a hot day. The reddened lesions were turning black and pus was collecting underneath and on all horizontal surfaces in his stall and buckets. The nightmare evolved with the lesion blackening, draining pus and more pus, and sloughing off on day 12. At its largest, the wound was 11 inches long and 5 inches wide. Supportive care involved mainly expressing pus, rinsing the wound and following up with a coating of silver sulfadiazine ointment. After 5 weeks, it was healing well. Now, after 10 weeks, the skin is almost closed. Care has involved a variety of ointments to keep the tissues moist and healthy. What a good boy he was to deal with this daily attention, without a halter or lead rope! A feed tub of grain and non-stop treats were invaluable.



photo from
Lisa Stevens

What was the likely cause? All cultures were negative for *Streptococcus equii* and all other examined infectious causes. The necrotising aspect led the vets to conclude this was a reaction to venom. In this area, there are two

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The Brown Recluse Spider (?) -- continued from page 10

from Lisa Stevens

likely sources: copperhead snakes or brown recluse spiders. Bite wounds to horses and other animals are extremely rare, with my veterinarian's practice seeing only 2-3 cases over many years. Due to the dramatic amount of tissue necrosis and the absence of an obvious bite wound, the culprit seems most likely the brown recluse spider (*Loxosceles reclusa*). These small, brown spiders are not aggressive and spend their lives hiding in cracks and crevices. Barns are a perfect environment for them. Spiders do not have a very good reputation in the human world and sadly are so feared that I hesitated to share our story, as I am a horse AND a spider lover! Please do not use this story as the reason to kill any spider that comes along. Spiders are beneficial barn dwellers who quietly hunt and remove insects, trying to avoid humans and horses alike. I share our story because it happened, it is very rare, and it is so unbelievable that I just have to tell this horror story. Happily it turned out OK for Kirby.

[Note: Wikipedia suggests the most effective control is removing trash and rubbish from your property, such as woodpiles, boxes, plywood, tires, and trash cans.]



brown recluse spider, from the Internet

Where is Play Doh? – Finding a Lost Horse

from Dana Grabiner

A familiar scenario: during a trail ride while camping with his owner at Patapsco State Park in late May, a horse named Play Doh slipped on an incline, dumped his rider, and ran away. Many TROT riders have experienced the same sinking feeling after our horse takes off for home -- "Later, dude!" -- except this horse couldn't be found for nearly two weeks!

Many outdoor people, including numerous TROT members especially Jeff Dwyer and Pat Oliva, spent hours and hours, days and days, looking for Play Doh -- not only in the park but also at area horse auctions. Finally, in early June, three hikers found Play Doh about 3 miles from where he had gone missing. Owner Susan Crawford of York, Pa., was overjoyed.

According to the *Capital Gazette* newspaper, hikers Emily Perryman of Eldersburg and Vlad Konstantinov and David Sugar of New Jersey had noticed a poster about the missing, 10-year-old horse earlier in the day at Woodstock Inn. (A Facebook page also had been created especially for the incident, called "Where's Play Doh?") The hikers found the horse about half a mile from the inn, his bridle caught in a branch. "He had his sponge leash tied around his leg and his saddle was flipped onto his side," Crawford told the *Capital Gazette*. "They cut him loose and led him back to the Woodstock Inn."

A vet treated his deep cut and minor lacerations from the tack, and friends helped load the horse onto a trailer. Apparently Play Doh hadn't lost a lot of weight and wasn't lame or terribly dehydrated. Whew!

Crawford was grateful for the support and practical help she received from friends and other horse-lovers. "You just don't know how you're going to go about thanking everybody for what they did," Crawford said to the *Capital Gazette*. "The people who walked, hiked, or drove around to find him, who flew drones or cooked food for us and brought food over — it was just so overwhelming."



Recovered Play Doh with Susan Crawford; from Capital Gazette

TROT's Video Update Progresses

from Dana Grabiner

A planning committee (Dana Grabiner, Barbara Sollner-Webb, and Jeff Dwyer) engaged Richard Smith of ScriptSmith, Inc., a scripting and production company in Gaithersburg with 40-plus years in the biz, to help us update TROT's video and get it in a digital rather than the old VHS format. As you'll recall, TROT had won a \$1,500 grant from the Maryland Horse Industry Board to update the video. An anonymous angel who contributes \$1,000 annually to TROT (and we love him for it!) agreed that his 2016 donation could go toward the video. A slim budget, but do-able.

We met with Richard and showed him the current video. Everyone agrees that it is basically very nice, but somewhat dated. Richard transcribed the audio so we could examine its flow and see what aspects need to be updated and honed, what could be reused, and what might be omitted. Richard drafted a treatment to help define the video's purpose and audience so that it can present TROT's message clearly in a tightly crafted piece of 5 to 7 minutes.

You'll recall that at TROT's Visioning Session in February, participants reaffirmed the *trails* aspect of our organization's mission. That's what the video will reflect. We'll re-use scenes of trail-riding and an interview or two from the existing video, and we'll produce new narration that delivers our newly honed message of trails preservation, maintenance, and advocacy. Our goal is to play the video at horse expos, include it with grant applications, and send it to policy-makers as part of our trails advocacy work. We also intend to provide it to TROT members.

Next steps: ScriptSmith will write and record a new narration script, re-edit the selected scenes, and add graphic titling, music, and sound effects. We expect to complete the piece in the fall. Stay tuned!



COUNTY/AREA COORDINATOR REPORTS

Baltimore County

from Priscilla Huffman

New hitching post erected:

Several volunteers, mostly TROT members, erected a hitching post behind Casa Mia's Restaurant in northern Baltimore County. After working with the restaurant and Department of Natural Resources for permission to build, the project was completed with donated materials and labor. A plaque has been ordered for the hitching post with the wording "Donated by Trail Riders of Today" – and our web site address.

Casa Mia's is located at 17417 York Rd, Parkton, MD, 21120. If you would like to stop at the restaurant after a trail ride through Gunpowder Falls State Park, the best place to park a trailer would be on the wide shoulder of Bunker Hill Rd just off York Rd. Use the restaurant address on your GPS to get to the general area; Bunker Hill Rd is a short distance south of the restaurant entering from the west side of York Rd. There is room for 3–4 horses at the hitching post, and there are nearby trees to tie up additional horses. You can watch your horses from Casa Mia's comfortable outside seating.



(L to R) Priscilla Huffman, Roger Munn, Monika Munn, Tara Dorn, Tom Milcarek, and Bruno Conticello. Roger Munn, Jr, not pictured also volunteered.

If you would like a guided trail ride in this area, please contact Priscilla Huffman by calling 301-646-4422 or emailing [<priscillahuffman@verizon.net>](mailto:priscillahuffman@verizon.net).

Volunteer Mounted Patrol:

The Gunpowder Park Volunteer Mounted Patrol unit welcomed four new members in the last few months. They are Lexi Liu, Lorraine Boram Fabiszak, Abigail Smith and Kate Dudley. Also, Suzanne Tessier Dobson is returning to VMP activity after recovering from an accident last year. Two additional potential recruits are in the wings, pending interviews - the first step in the process of becoming a VMP.

Later this summer, new recruits will be doing a ride-along with a seasoned VMP, Jean Swartz, as they continue their training. Stay on top of VMP news and other mounted patrol articles on their Facebook fan page. Search for Gunpowder Falls State Park Volunteer Mounted Patrol Fan Page. If you have an interest in becoming a VMP in the Gunpowder area, contact Bruno Conticello at [<bconticello@gmail.com>](mailto:bconticello@gmail.com).

Howard County

from Pat Oliva

Howard County Parks:

Susan Gray and I met with the Howard County Parks Director, John Byrd, to pursue the improvements in equestrian access to two county parks as well as a method for the county to acquire/formalize trails during the subdivision process. This continues efforts reported in "TROT MEMBERS WORKING TO ENHANCE TRAILS IN HOWARD COUNTY" in the last newsletter. We are hoping that there will be progress.

Howard County Parks and Recreation Department has also held several public meetings to hear from citizens what amenities they want from Howard County's parks in the future. While much of the attendees' interest was on things like "pickle ball", Wendy Emblin, Barbara Sollner-Webb and I attended as emissaries of TROT to provide voices for equestrian uses. Included was advocating for the parks access and trail acquisition mentioned above.

Lisbon Horse Parade:

The "Lisbon Christmas Parade", which was for many years "The Lisbon Horse Parade", with large numbers of horses and riders, grew so large and unwieldy that last winter horses were banned and the parade instead featured tractors. Due to strong popular sentiments, horses will again be back at the Lisbon parade this December, but restricted to the first 150 equine entries. They will start taking names on August 1, and it is expected that this list will fill very quickly. The parade will be December 10 with the horse portions starting 3:30 PM. I would like to put together a group of horses and riders representing TROT, if there is enough interest from members wanting to participate. If you would like to ride in this parade, **contact me (301-489-7380) BY JULY 25th**, so that I can be in line on August 1 to get us registered.

A Horse Parade at the Maryland State Fair:

The Maryland State Fair is having a horse parade on Sunday, August 28. Are you interested in participating to represent TROT? It will entail riding around the racetrack in a controlled manner, not in the center of the crowded fairgrounds. If you are interested in participating, please let me know IMMEDIATELY, as the participants are going to be decided upon very soon and if we do not get our registration in very soon we will not be able to ride in this parade. It should be great publicity for TROT.

Little Bennett Great Outdoors Festival:

Little Bennett Park will be holding its 4th Great Outdoors Festival on Saturday August 20 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Last year Pat Oliva manned a TROT booth there and provided horse-related activities for kids. Pat will do so again for this year's even, aided by Deneen Martin. This is a great way to promote TROT to an outdoors-oriented public. All TROT members -- do consider coming to this event, and even wearing your TROT T-shirt if you have one.

Laurel/Burtonsville Area

WSSC Removed Downed Trees that were blocking then Rocky Gorge and Triadelphia Reservoir Trails:

With all the big storms we have had in the last couple of months, between the strong winds and wet ground, a good number of trees and limbs have come down to block the trails on the Rocky Gorge Reservoir and on the Triadelphia Reservoir. WSSC's kind Watershed staff has recently gone in to remove the trees that we reported were down and blocking the Rocky Gorge trail. They additionally made a sweep on the Triadelphia trail and removed several downed trees there too. It is wonderful that WSSC is so helpful to us equestrians. It would be great if TROT members who care about and/or have ridden these trails would drop a note to the Watershed Manager, Eddie Franceschi, thanking him for his staff's help, at <Eddie.Franceschi@wsscwater.com>.

SUMMARY OF TROT BOARD MEETINGS

from Jean McKay, TROT secretary

May 3, 2016 TROT Board meeting held at home of Barbara Sollner-Webb

Participants: Gale Monahan (President), Janet Whelan (Treasurer), Jean McKay (Secretary), Jeff Dwyer (BD), Terry Ledley (BD), Laury Lobel (BD), Pat Oliva (BD), Barbara Sollner-Webb (BD), Debby Poole, Jenn Poole, Sim Shanks, Lisa Stevens

Election of TROT President and Vice President postponed until June 7 Board meeting; Treasurer's Report presented and accepted; April Board meeting minutes approved as written.

Scott Purdum Trail Obstacle Clinic – rescheduled to June 24

Youth Scholarship Committee – reviewing applications

Trail Ride Coordinator Report – Barbara Sollner-Webb is new coordinator, taking over from Deneen Martin

County Coordinators reports:

Baltimore County – Priscilla Huffman -- recent dedication of Jericho Covered Bridge in Gunpowder Falls State Park

Howard County – Pat Oliva -- discussion of easement policies and practices in maintaining access to trails after a property is subdivided

Laurel/Burtonsville – Barbara Sollner-Webb and Jenn Poole -- downed trees to be removed from WSSC Rocky Gorge trail

Montgomery County – construction of a new road bridge to impact access to Upper Patuxent River Trail

Membership Committee Report – tasked to identify ways to expand membership and follow-up with lapsed members.

June 7, 2016 TROT Board meeting held at home of Barbara Sollner-Webb

Participants: Gale Monahan (President), Deneen Martin (VP), Janet Whelan (Treasurer), Jean McKay (Secretary), Jeff Dwyer (BD), Terry Ledley (BD), Laury Lobel (BD), Pat Oliva (BD), Barbara Sollner-Webb (BD), Sim Shanks, Denis Webb

Congratulations to Gale Monahan and Deneen Martin, who were elected as President and Vice President, respectively.

Treasurer's Report presented and accepted; May Board meeting minutes approved as written.

Trail Ride Coordinator, Barbara Sollner Webb, reported that the trail rides were going well; riders are reminded to consider conditions of trails before using them, e.g., muddy trails, and to clean up after their horses. TROT to purchase an additional high-powered hedge trimmer to facilitate trail maintenance; trail ride leaders are needed.

County Coordinators reports:

Baltimore County – Priscilla Huffman -- hitching post available behind the Casa Mia's restaurant on York Rd. near the Bunker Hill parking lot at Gunpowder Falls

Howard County – Pat Oliva -- ongoing efforts of Pat Oliva, Susan Gray and others to obtain riding easements through subdivisions. No timeframe for needed improvements to Benson Branch Park trails

Montgomery County – Ron MacNab, via e-mail -- asked about TROT interest in participating in the Little Bennett Great Outdoors Festival, on August 20. Pat Oliva and Deneen Martin offered to help

TROT video to be updated, with support received from the MHIB and a generous TROT donor.

If an individual joining the Maryland Horse Council (MHC) belongs to an association that is also a member of the MHC, which TROT is, the MHC offers that organization 10% of the individual's membership.

TROT participation in the Lisbon Christmas Horse Parade will be coordinated by Pat Oliva; registration needed ASAP!

REQUEST FOR NEWSLETTER INFO – Please!

To provide our members up-to-date information on trail riding and trail maintenance activities, TROT needs YOUR help! Useful horse-related information or ideas? Changes to riding venues? New riding or horse camping areas? Relevant legislation? Articles/anecdotes/stories you feel will interest TROT members? **PLEASE** inform the newsletter editor at 301-604-5619 or <bsw@jhmi.edu>!

UP-TO-DATE INFO ON TROT ACTIVITIES

TROT website:

www.trot-md.org Harold Goldstein, Webmaster

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current and older issues:

www.trot-md.org/newsletters.php

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Maryland Trail Riders Yahoo group (and to join):

<https://groups.yahoo.com/group/MarylandTrailRiders/info>

TROT Yahoo group (and to join):

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/TROT-Members/info>

Facebook page

TROT Trail Riders of Today

www.facebook.com/groups/127953560568829/

HORSE TRAILS MAP – Your help is needed!

Ross Peddicord of the Maryland Horse Industry Board, in conjunction with TROT members Ron MacNab, Priscilla Huffman and many others, have produced a WONDERFUL map of Maryland horse trails plus other useful horse information for you to use and share with your riding buddies. This map is now available online at <http://www.mda.maryland.gov/horseboard/Documents/HorseTrails.pdf> and was handed out at TROT's Annual Dinner last March.

Before re-printing, Ross is asking TROT members to help him identify any errors/omissions in this map. Please especially check if any trails that you know of are missing or have incorrect information. He asks that you send this information to bsw@jhmi.edu for me to compile and forward to Ross. Please! Thank you for your help in making this trail map as accurate and up-to-date as possible!

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Please volunteer as coordinator from the other Maryland counties as well as from VA, WV & DE!

TROT's MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please encourage your equestrian friends to join TROT. The membership form and information on how to join, by check or PayPal, are at <http://www.trot-md.org/membership.php>, and the membership form is also in the January TROT newsletter.

TRAIL GUIDES

The following volunteers are willing to show TROT members their favorite trails at the following venues on an individual basis; contact them to arrange a personal guided trail ride.

Benson Branch Park (between Folly Quarter Road & Tridelphia Road, Ellicott City, MD) Sandy Brewer sandbrewer@aol.com

Codorus Park (Hanover, PA) Ivy Smink smink.ivy@gmail.com (410) 875-5691

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

Liberty Reservoir (off Deer Park Road, Baltimore County, MD) Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691 or smink.ivy@gmail.com

Little Bennett (Clarksburg, MD) Jim & Maureen Henry (301) 676- 5298

Morgan Run (Carroll County, MD) Sue Donaldson swdonaldson@comcast.net or Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691, smink.ivy@gmail.com

North Tract of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge (Laurel, MD) Barbara Sollner-Webb bsw@jhmi.edu or (301) 604-5619

Patuxent River State Park (Montgomery County side, MD) Laury Lobel (301) 774-9595 or laurylobel@verizon.net

Rachel Carson Conservation Park (Brookeville, MD) Laury Lobel (301) 774-9595 or laurylobel@verizon.net

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***** If your favorite trail is not listed and you would be willing to occasionally show it to others, please contact Barbara Sollner-Webb (<bsw@jhmi.edu>, 301-604-5619) to join this list of generous volunteers. *****

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Brenderup Trailer for Sale

Classic Brenderup (1986) bumper-pull, ramp-load trailer. Sound, safe, easy to hitch. Lightweight, European design, no truck needed: an SUV pulls 2 average-sized horses easily; a mini-van pulls one horse. One flaw: not beautiful. Asking \$2,000. Come look! Then you can trailer to come on TROT rides! A Brenderup priced this low is hard to find. Call or text Dana at 202-412-7548.



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SPECIAL THANKS!!!

from Barbara Sollner-Webb, newsletter editor

I want to express great appreciation to all the swell folks who contributed those great articles and other information to the newsletter! Readers REALLY appreciate such contributions by TROT members!

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