



Trail Riders Of Today

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Volunteer Needed: Newsletter Editor

If you look forward to reading the TROT Newsletter please consider volunteering for this important position. The newsletter is published every other month. The job is fun and is a great way to get to know other TROT members. The writing is primarily done by regular contributors, such as county coordinators and officers. The editor primarily smoothes the articles, and arranges them in a page-wise format. For more information, contact Nancy at nlogood@verizon.net.

Without volunteers the Newsletter could be a thing of the past.

TROT Ride: North Track - April 6

ride leader **Barbara Sollner-Webb**

Barbara Sollner-Webb

Twenty four TROT members enjoyed a delightful ride at North Tract on April 6, celebrating a new partnership with the Patuxent Research Refuge. Last fall, it seemed like riding at this beloved venue would be effectively lost, as their staff recommended that all horse droppings must be collected and carried out from everywhere on the trail and that walk was the fastest permissible gait (despite the trails being flat, wide and quite straight, seemingly perfect for



moving out). Dedicated TROT members turned out en masse to testify, with such logical force that the Refuge staff rescinded those recommendations, and very positive interactions have developed with the Refuge Manager and other of their staff. The Refuge

Manager, Brad Knudsen, kindly arranged for a presentation on their cemeteries part-way through the ride, and after the ride he gave us an interesting "Introduction to the Refuge". TROT members plan to come back to help with their removal of invasive plants.

Our lovely 2 1/2 hour ride on this bright and sunny day had a walk/trot/canter group, a walk/trot group and an all-walk group. Afterwards we had a yummy pot-luck lunch with great camaraderie. Many TROT members had not been to

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Adopt A Trail Project

Amy Kimble- Past TROT Trail Work Coordinator

Thank you to all TROT Members who have already completed and sent to me their Adopt a Trail Form. This program is for everyone who, like me, believes we need to help support, maintain and educate all trail users on the importance of sustainable trails and are willing to step up and help. I am planning a day that we will meet in May to answer questions, discuss situations, and educate everyone interested on what the idea is behind Adopt A Trail Project. I am very excited about it and would have already had this day booked and would have contacted all the volunteers to

pick the best time and date. I regret that due to family situations I had to move this opening day program back a little. If you may be interested and have not yet filled out an application please shoot me an email or give me a call so I can include you in the program that is coming up in May.

I would like to thank many of the TROT members for their kind words, prayers, emails and cards with regards to the recent death of my father, Daniel Hoffman. I appreciated your support very much during this difficult and very sad time.

Amy Kimble

Submitted by Amy Kimble

National Equestrian Trail Conference (NETC) 2013 | July 18 – 20, 2013 in Rock Hill, South Carolina. This will be the first year that it is National instead of Southeastern. It is pretty close and I still may try and make it? If we could get a carpool to go that would be great, I personally enjoyed it very much and there was interest when I mentioned it at the Annual Dinner. Thank you, Amy Kimble

New Who's Who Members

New board member - Jean Cooper:

Horse companion for last 6 years is Lightning, a chestnut Kentucky Mountain gelding boarded with Michelle Beachley. Member of TROT for almost 10 years. Married to

Jeffrey Cooper. Children are Jason and Jennifer. I have worked for the Food and Drug Administration for 22 years. Received veterinary degree from the University of Illinois and grew up in New Jersey.

Trail Ride Coordinator - Stephanie Cacapardo:

Hey folks Stephanie Cacapardo here..... If you are wondering about just who is your trail ride coordinator is, here's the story. I began riding when I was 10 or so. I got my first pony as a Christmas/birthday gift. Sunny aka "Mr. Snacks" was the best pony ever. As kids we used to run the fields and try to push each other off our ponies and the last one mounted won. I could ride him with a halter and bare back which was a good thing because we couldn't afford a saddle for the first year I had him. Later in life, (much later), I got a 3 month old Arab filly Nicky. I got her the year the movie "Ladyhawk" came out. I used that as her

registered name. I began to ride her at 3 and her first 15 mile competitive ride was at 4 years old. She was the smallest horse and I was the largest rider. When they started to call places for the ribbons they started at 5 and went up. I thought for sure we didn't place but that was ok I had a great time. You could have knocked me over with a feather when they called us for first place! I cried as I came up and got our award. We did many competitive and endurance rides, but that was 30 years and 20 lbs ago. My current pal Myra is also an Arab mare. I got her as a 10yr never ridden. We have been together 4 years now and I don't know what I would do without her. She's great on the trails and walks on the trailer by herself so she must like it as much as I do. I hope to see ya on the trails this year. Stay safe and ride happy.

In Memoriam

On January 10, 2013 TROT lost a special friend, **Robert Cole of Jefferson, Maryland**, when he died in a farming accident. Bob, a cable television industry pioneer and leader in Frederick County, retired in 2000. In his retirement Bob developed RT&3L Farm which specializes in the breeding and showing of Appaloosa horses. Bob grew up as a farmer and had a passion for horses; he considered himself a "gentleman farmer". Mr. Bob, as he was affectionately known, graciously hosted TROT's Judge Pleasure Ride in 2011 and 2012. Bob will be missed by all who knew him especially by the equestrian community that was so dear to him.

Great News on the WSSC Trail!

Barbara Sollner-Webb

After a frustrating two-year battle -- during which many TROT members were wonderful in turning out, testifying, and sending letters -- there now has been fantastic progress! At the end of January, WSSC dropped their 2011 requirement to ride only on their steep and eroding firebreak ("Access Road"); in February, they dropped their draft rule to collect and pack out all horse dropping from anywhere on the trail (which would have effectively eliminated most riding, if enforced) and re-instituted free permits for seniors (which their draft regulations had eliminated); and in mid-March, they released maps showing riding was again permitted on the entire previous 17 mile equestrian trail.

Then in late March, they started clearing the equestrian trail. This was a monumental task, because this entire millennium WSSC had done little to keep the trail open, while officially banning equestrians from clearing the trail. While parts of the trail had been kept open by riders illicitly cutting or making detours around fallen trees, other parts had become virtually obscured. WSSC's great maintenance



**Pat Oliva and Terry Ledley
at lunch-break**

crew not only removed the fallen trees from across the obvious trail portions but did an impressive job of finding some barely discernible trail sections (presumably

from faint old orange blazes on a few trees of what otherwise looked like a little-used deer track). A couple of sections were so obscured that WSSC crew first overlooked them, but they were rediscovered by long-time riders of the old trail: Terry Ledley (to who WSSC had earlier dedicated the eastern portion of the equestrian trail, for her trail-work starting 35 years ago), Pat Oliva (for who WSSC had named the Rt 29 equestrian underpass she had arranged about 30 years ago), Nancy Osgood (who regularly rode parts of the trail 30 years ago), and myself (a relative newbie, who only starting riding the trail a bit over 20 years ago).

Now virtually the entire WSSC equestrian trail from Supplee Lane to Tucker Lane is a wonderfully open path, from which to enjoy the majestic beauty of the Rocky Gorge Reservoir lands. WSSC's great maintenance crew chain-sawed an enormous number of downed trees (probably 100-200, maybe more) and nicely cut branches that were dangerously protruding into the trail! They even thoughtful laid a small log to prevent a horse from accidentally steeping into a hole that had developed



**A few of MANY trees WSSC cut
from the trail.**

abutting the trail. [They also collected bag-full's of unsightly fishermen trash, something equestrians have done sporadically over the years.] WSSC's totally unexpected work is an absolute delight!

And additional good news: WSSC's new 301-

206-4FUN "Hotline" announcing the daily opening/closing of the trail has agreed with what equestrians would have determined almost every day if the ground is OK to ride (abating earlier fears the trail might needlessly be kept closed).

Further, their great trail work largely resolves earlier displeasure at WSSC increasing user fees and adding large new fees for those entering directly from their barns (which had seemed punitive if WSSC did no trail maintenance).

Hopefully this season will also see a resolution to the remaining contentious issue: their closing the trail for 3 1/2 month a year, asserting winter riding is environmentally harmful (even though WSSC is daily determining the open/closed status of the trail, and many decades of judicious winter riding had left the trail "in excellent condition" with "little or no evidence of erosion observed along any portion", according to their contractor's study).

It would also be wonderful if WSSC agrees to their contractor's suggestions to

- 1- establish a volunteer force, so equestrians can provide an official presence on the Reservoir lands (especially since WSSC's security force is over-taxed without patrolling the reservoir, and now illegal motorcyclists are turning out on their newly cleared trails) and
- 2- re-institute riding on the relatively flat Access Road of the Tridelphia Reservoir (which equestrian presence could also help patrol). Presumably riders will continue to turn out at WSSC's various volunteer activities.

This seems to be developing into a great relationship!



**Nancy Osgood and Terry Ledley
near to where we discovered
a lost section of trail.**

WSSC should be proud of their magnificent trail, and to so kindly offer it for the public to enjoy the gorgeous reservoir lands.

Recollections - WSSC Trails

Terry Ledley

You have heard the latest news from Barbara Sollner-Webb about the WSSC's sudden and heartening change of policy, in having their maintenance crew reopen totally obscured sections of the equestrian trail. I hope you can indulge me the telling of my personal journey on the Watershed. I have boarded my horse adjacent to the Rocky Gorge Reservoir for 35 years and I have felt passionately about the Watershed and the equestrian trails ever since. For the first 17 years I boarded at Water's Gift on the West side of Rte. 29 and became very active (possibly obsessive) in riding and maintaining the trails. I moved heavy logs, tossed branches and pruned continuously. There was no official WSSC maintenance. Once a year before my annual TROT ride, I'd ask one of the Watershed Patrol officers to go out with me and my list of downed trees needing a chain saw. It was viewed as a personal favor to me. When I found out about previous and by then totally overgrown trails on the East side of Rte. 29, I contacted some previous users and we resurrected those trails. We then sought very successfully for the Highway Department to construct an underpass along the shore below Rte. 29 to connect the two sets of trails. We then had a beautiful uninterrupted equestrian trail from Tucker Lane to Ednor Road to Supplee Lane.

In 1994 when Water's Gift closed I moved my horse to the East side of Rte. 29 close to Supplee Lane, and a few years later my husband and I bought the house and land next to my horse. Since then with the help of other riders and friends we have kept the Eastern trails in excellent condition. In 1998 at a Commissioner's meeting I was totally surprised and thrilled when the WSSC named the trail the "Terry Ledley Equestrian Trail, in honor of 20 years of volunteer service". On the West side of Rte. 29 some riders and boarding stables kept sections of trail open, but large swaths of trail fell into total disrepair and were almost completely obliterated. Two weeks ago Barbara Sollner-Webb, Denis Webb and I rode in from Brogden Rd. toward Ednor Rd. trying to relocate the trail and mark it with surveyor tape. We searched for my old orange blazes and metal horse signs. It was very depressing to see the loss of trails. Last Sunday we rode in again. This time Barbara, Pat Oliva and I

rode in from Ednor Rd. The trail from Ednor to near Oak Hill Rd was partially lost, partially recognizable but with many, many downed trees; and then, suddenly, almost miraculously, the trail ahead was cleared. There were chain-sawed trees one after another and they were almost continuous, being the result of years of no maintenance. We were so excited we kept riding, past Brogden Rd., past Batson Rd. and onto Kruhm Rd. where Debby Poole and her daughter Jenn, life time riders, had told us that they just found suddenly cleared trail from Kruhm Rd. to Rte. 29, a section that had become totally overgrown and impassable for many years.

We are all totally elated about this. I, of course, wish it had happened years ago and spared me the bodily results of hard work trail clearing, but I am completely thrilled about the change in policy. I want to thank the Maintenance

Crew and Jasper Sirk for their fine job, and also whoever authorized it. The riders have always worked in cooperation with the old Watershed Patrol Officers. We have always picked up trash. I used to collect feed bags full of shore trash and go out with one of the Officers in their boat once or twice a year to pick them up. In your archives you should have pictures of us with a boat overflowing with trash bags. When for a time the Patrol Officers leased horses and rode the trails, I accompanied them; when the WSSC held their annual picnic we brought horses for kid's pony rides. The riders have always been the eyes and ears of the Watershed, reporting motorcycles, stolen canoes, forest fires, illegal campers, vandals spray painting rocks, etc. Just Sunday we encountered reckless motorcyclists and ATVers and were able to report and photograph them. In

this time of austerity it would be wise for the WSSC to follow other reservoirs and many park departments and form a Volunteer Mounted Patrol, I myself was a Mounted Volunteer at Greenbelt National Park, and for the Montgomery County Park Police Volunteer Mounted Patrol for many years. I think I speak for all the riders in saying how much we value the watershed and appreciate its unique beauty, and we have tried in every way to be a valuable asset. We have always had a mutually beneficial relationship with the WSSC and we sincerely hope that this partnership will continue.

Hopefully, Terry Ledley



Terry Ledley with a newer repainting of an orange blaze and WSSC's green flag, with Nancy Osgood in the background

Get your TROT license plate.

We have ours and they look great! Many thanks to Susan Railey who worked very hard and navigated the bureaucracy of the Motor Vehicle Administration to get our great organizational plates with the TROT logo. If you missed out – it is not too late. Email Susan (susanrailey@verizon.net) and she will get an application

to you. Return the completed application to her with the fee (only \$25), and she will forward it on to the MVA.



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

Notices - Announcements - Reminders

BECOME ACTIVE IN TROT! - VOLUNTEER!

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

Newsletter: Nancy Osgood and Sim Shanks are stepping down as Newsletter Editors. The Newsletter is published every other month (six issues a year). The job is fun – particularly if you have any experience with a desk-top publishing program (such as Microsoft Publisher or Serif PagePlus) – or even if you have the desire to learn. *A Word processors such as Word, Wordperfect and OpenOffice will suffice but they are not as versatile.* The writing is primarily done by regular contributors, such as county coordinators and officers. The editor primarily smoothes out the articles, and arranges them in a page-wise format. For more information contact Nancy at nlosgood@verizon.net.

County Coordinators or Contacts: Baltimore, Calvert, Howard and Talbot Counties.

If you have an interest to act in this capacity, please contact any TROT Board Member. See Who's Who on page 9.

TROT County Coordinators and Contacts **Description of responsibilities**

Trail Riders of Today (TROT) is represented through membership in a variety of counties in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and well as the District of Columbia. In counties where there is a growing or active membership, county coordinators have been identified with the following primary responsibilities:

- To understand how publicly accessible multi-use trails are identified, designed, built and maintained in their county – by which organization or municipal group.
- To establish a working relationship with this group so that notification is made when a public hearing is taking place that may affect an established trail in the county or where

trails could be incorporated into proposed development.

- To be the voice of the equestrian community in the county by staying in touch with local members and knowing the county trail systems.

In larger counties, there is also a need for county contacts, in addition to a coordinator. Contacts are TROT members who have a special interest in a particular trail or park area, or section of the county. Their role is more limited, but they also may be aware of pending development in their areas, and can alert the coordinator. Contacts also are knowledgeable about trails in their areas.

County coordinators and contacts are listed in Who's Who of each TROT newsletter issue.

Maryland DNR Trails

Submitted by Ron MacNab

Below is a good link for news about Maryland DNR trails. To find horse trails, press Ctrl-F, type in "horse" and press enter.

The **DNR Trails Webpage** has just been updated with timely information about trails, bike/ped master plans, rules and regulations, and signs of the times.

Please check it out and share with your friends at:

http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/land/MD_Trails/Trails_in_MD.asp

And if you have an event coming up, feel free to shoot it my way and I will try and get it posted on our social media pages at Twitter and Facebook.

Cheers!

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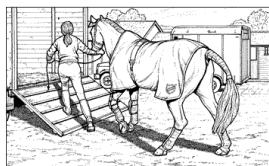
Stephanie Cacapardo, Trail Ride Coordinator

TROT needs you! Trail Ride Leaders needed for 2013. If there's a park you love to ride in and would like to show it to others, please consider leading a ride. No experience needed.

Please contact Stephanie Cacapardo at scladyhawk@msn.com or call 240-876-9689.

Please see the TROT website for the most up-to-date information regarding the current trail ride schedule.

Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on the ride and for information about start time and directions.



All ride participants must:

- wear hard hats.

- be TROT members (membership forms will be available at the ride for non-members).
 - provide a copy of a current negative coggins for each horse.
 - if needed, bring a snack for get together after the ride.
- Contact ride leader for details.**

May 4 - Rocky Gorge

Ride leader Terry Ledley - 301-776-2661

Despite the name the footing is ok for barefoot horses. The view should be great w/spring blooming wild flowers. There are plenty of easy stream crossings to water the horses. Terry will be leading a W only group with a second group at a W T (C?) group. After the 3 hour ride there will be a pot luck lunch. There is a rain date of May 5. **Ready to ride at 11am**

May 18 - Dairy Farm, north of Crofton

Ride leader Jeff Dwyer - 410-320-1327

This may no longer be a dairy farm but there are still plenty of cows around. The footing is fine for barefoot horses. No great hills or difficult stream crossings. If there are enough riders, (Jeff says there usually are), there will be 2 groups. As is it is W T pace with hope for a W T C. After approx 3-4 hours, depending on pace, the ride still won't double back on the same trail before returning. If you would like, bring enough to share for the after ride pot luck lunch. **Ready to ride at 10am**

May 19 - Liberty Reservoir

Ride leader Mary Prowell - 301-829-7709

Be Ready To Ride this W T C pace ride at 10:00. If there are enough riders there might be a W T group. Shoes or boots are advised for the faster group as some of the ground covered will be on a dirt fire road that does have stone. There will be some trail through woods, and the view of the reservoir is quite nice. Your horse should be ready to share the fire road w/ hikers, bike riders, and sometimes motor bikes. Pack a lunch w/you for the lunch break half way on this 3 hour ride.

Ready to ride at 10am.

July 20 New Market

Ride leader Stephanie Cacapardo - 240-876-9689

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 dogs supplied.

Ready to ride at 10:00 am.

July 28 Cordous

Ride leader Shelia Gilbert - 301-898-7920. **9:00am**

August 17 New Market

Ride Leader Stephanie Cacapardo - 240-876-9689

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.

Sept. 7 - Ceaderville State Forest

Ride leader Judie Artman - 301- 627-7939

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.

Trail Guides

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

Benson Branch Park Sandy Brewer

Email sandbrewer@aol.com

Blockhouse Point (Farm Loop on Canal at Violettes Lock)

Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Breezy Loop Boyds, MD an easy hour and 15 minutes.

Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Cactoctin Mountain Park and Little Bennett

Marilynn Miller (301) 898-7274

Croom, Md area, South of PG Equestrian Center

I am the trail historian for this area. I can keep you riding over different trails for 6 hours! People would leave from my farm in Croom & can ride to Patuxent River Park (Jug Bay), the Wildlife Sanctuary and Spice Creek Park. I am available Fri-Sat-Sun-Mon as a tour guide.

Carol CAAuletta@aol.com or (301) 579-2342

EPIC Trail at Dry Seneca Creek, Poolesville

This is mostly private with a sanctioned public route - exceptionally good footing, easy trail, good for exercising in winter. THIS IS NOT THE Great Seneca Greenway Trail that goes to Patuxent! 10 miles round trip

Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Gunpowder State Park (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

Sugarloaf Mt. 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

If you would like to volunteer to show other TROT members your favorite trails contact:

Nancy Osgood at nlosgood@verizon.net

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

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

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

5/11

Looking for a Trail Buddy. I am a new 2013 TROT member. I do not work and would like to ride more than just on weekends. Weekends would be great too but I am very flexible. I have a trailer and can meet you if you aren't too far away. Trails close to me are Jug Bay, Maxwell Hall, Rosaryville State Park, Cedarville, Doncaster, and Friendship. Unfortunately, I do not know these trails but together we can master them. I have a spotted saddle horse (fast), TWH (slow) and a Paso Fino (fast) so I can take whatever horse would complement yours.

Thanks! Theresa Hayes 301/579-2699 (lv. msg.)

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For Current Information on TROT Activities Visit:

TROT Webpage

<http://www.trot-md.org/>

Maryland Trail Riders Yahoo Group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/subscribe/MarylandTrailRiders>

TROT Members Yahoo Group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/subscribe/TROT-Members>

TROT Trail Riders of Today on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/127953560568829/>

Trail Etiquette for Horseback Riders

Ron MacNab

DO:

Do be friendly and considerate of others at all times.
Do ride only where you have specific permission from the land owner.
Do be sure the public trails you plan to ride permit horseback riding.
Do stay on the designated trail.
Do remove all manure and debris from the parking lot ASAP and certainly before you leave the parking lot.
Do greet and be courteous of others you meet along the trail.
Do walk slowly when passing others meet on the trail.
Do carry small hand clipper to trim small branches/ vines blocking the trail.
Do obey all park signs and regulations.
Do enjoy your horse and your surroundings. You are

enjoying a great privilege.

Don't:

Don't ride when the ground is wet.
Don't create new trails.
Don't modify existing trails.

Group Rides (in addition to the above):

Don't pass the ride leader.
Don't pass a horse suddenly or without notifying the rider.
Don't leave the ride without telling the ride leader.
Don't be bossy or a grump.
Do bring a current coggins test report to the ride.
Do keep a 5-10 foot distance from the horse in front of you.
Do alert others to hazards on the trail such as holes and low limbs.
Do show patience with your horse and the other riders.
If your horse kicks, tie a red ribbon to his tail and stay at the back of the line.

On another note, here is a submission for a "Ms. Trail Manners" entry for the newsletter:

Kathy Coviello

Whilst riding in a group, should you wish to increase the pace or change to a faster gait, it is polite to secure the consensus of all in the group. While you and your mount may feel comfortable going faster, such activity may unintentionally cause other horse/rider pairs to lose control, bolt, buck or otherwise misbehave.

One place where such instances often occur is where you are climbing a hill and your mount breaks into a trot or

canter in order to more easily scale the hill. You should make every effort to keep your horse at a walk going up the hill, and should your mount spring into a trot or canter, call out (such as "heads up") to alert other riders that you are coming up quickly and unexpectedly behind them. This gives them a chance to take hold of their horses and prepare for any possible shenanigans that may ensue. The above explains some helpful trail manners to which one can inspire and also assist in ensuring that everyone has a safe and enjoyable ride.

Note: While many riders know and observe such etiquette, many more do not, so this is meant as a helpful tip.

Welcome New Members

Richard Huffman, TROT Membership

Jeannette Hoenig	Severn	MD	Anne Arundel	Arlene Atkins	Middletown	MD	Frederick
Marcia Lyons	Annapolis	MD	Anne Arundel	Chrissy Jongezoon	Mount Airy	MD	Frederick
Michchelle Mayer	Glen Burnie	MD	Anne Arundel	Debbie Bauer	Dayton	MD	Howard
Elizabeth Morrissey	Davidsonville,	MD	Anne Arundel	Becky Peregoy	Woodbine	MD	Howard
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DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
May 5	8:30 am -1 pm	Blockhouse Point Conservation Park (HK, EQ)
18	8:30 am -1 pm	Muddy Branch Greenway Trail
25	9 am – 1 pm	Seneca Creek Greenway Trail
June 1	8:30 am – 1 pm	Rachel Carson Conservation Park, National Trails Day (HK, EQ)
8	9 am – 12 pm	Seneca Creek Greenway Trail

NOTE: Trails are "Shared Use" by all users (Hikers - HK, Bikers - BK and Equestrians - EQ) unless otherwise noted above.

For more information and to sign up visit:

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A wonderful gift from WSSC

Debby Poole

Hi I know you have been following along with the events bringing WSSC and the recreational users of the Patuxent Watershed. I can only tell you that it is a wonderful gift we have received. While riding we've met hikers, bird watchers, boaters, fisherman and other horseback riders.



As seen from my horse looking towards the Rt. 29 bridge.

The WSSC maintenance crews have been out regularly getting the bridle trails and other problem areas fixed up so they can be safely used. It must be a hundred fallen trees they've moved. They are also starting to address the firebreak/ Access road erosion as well boating areas. The online permit purchase availability and hotline have proved a great addition to the



watershed use issues.

telling about one of her recent horseback rides. My daughter and I have had similar results as Barbara Sollner-Webb did riding from Kruhm road to the Rt 29 Pat Oliva underpass. Huge trees and all kinds of brush and debris being moved by the crews.

Please thank those at WSSC

and not forgetting too, the many elected officials who gave hours and hours of their time, as well as the different media outlets.



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North Tract before, but plan to enjoy riding there again. [Remember, this is probably the best venue to ride when the ground is wet, as their trails were designed for tanks so are virtually indestructible by horses and this preserves your local trails.]

It was a lovely time!

Learning some local history from North Tract Refuge Volunteers.



TROT Ride: Morgan Run Easter Egg Hunt and trail ride

Saturday March 23rd - ride leader Steff Cacopardo
Steff Cacopardo

Yesterdays ride at Morgan Run went very well. It was the first time out ever for one, and a lot of schooling for some of the others. Moving to an exact spot and standing still to

grab the hanging paper eggs was good practice for some. After the egg gathering we had a nice ride despite the wind. There were goodies for riders and horses back at the trailers. Sue's horse Blacktop came dressed for the occasion. Gina's horse Ringo kept trying to eat the paper eggs. Diana and Folly came all decked out in Easter pink. My cake took a hit before all was said and done. All 6 riders and horses went home happy.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Input Meeting.

Debby Poole

I've submitted this because I think this is something you should know about and may want to be a part of. It's a wonderful opportunity to reach out to DNR in Maryland. I plan to go to the Central Region Meeting listed below. Maybe you can come too, or send a letter that I can take with me, also if you click on their link you can submit your comments on line: <http://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2013/02/06/marylanders-asked-to-provide-recreation-information/> . Thanks Debby.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR)- seeks info on equestrian and other recreational use

Who: Open to the Public
What: Central Region Outdoor Recreation Evaluation
When: June 19 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Where: Howard County Robinson Nature Center,

6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia

Cost: Free

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking citizens for their thoughts on State parks and lands at a public input meeting, or through a quick and easy survey, <http://survey.rcresearch.com/s3/Maryland>. The Department held meetings in other regions but the one in central Maryland was cancelled because of inclement weather. The meeting and survey will help DNR determine which outdoor recreation facilities, programs and services do and do not meet the needs of the community. Areas include State parks, forests, wildlife areas and trails. Public input will help guide the update of the **Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan**, which will serve as a roadmap for future State outdoor recreation facilities and services.

The Department has hired a nationally-known parks and recreation management consulting firm, GreenPlay, LLC, to oversee the Recreation Component of this planning process.

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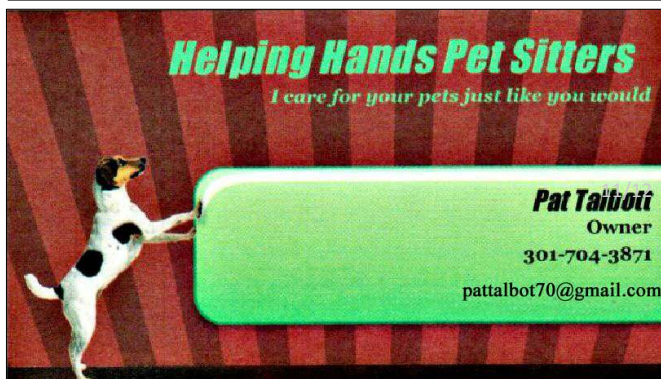
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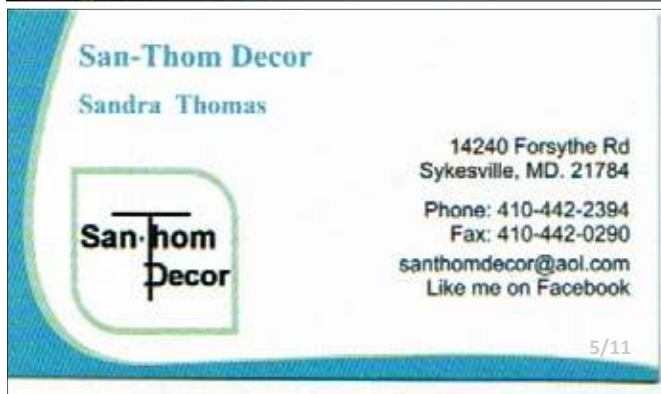
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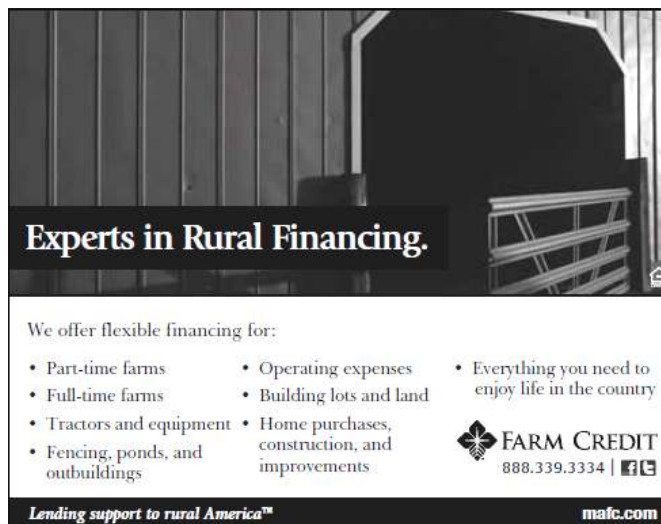
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from the Newsletter Staff

SUCCESS! The WSSC trails in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties are open to riders – and are more beautiful than ever! Please be sure to read the articles inside. Here is another example how TROT (and some brave and persistent members!) has helped to secure equestrian trails for the future. Be sure to see these trails first hand at the TROT ride on May 4. Information inside.

Spring is here – so check out the new list of rides that are already scheduled. Contact Stephanie Cacapardo (scladyhawk@msn.com) if you would like to lead a ride this year. Be sure to check out the TROT website (<http://www.trot-md.org/>) to get the latest information on organized rides.

Newsletter Editor Needed! Please contact Nancy Osgood (nlosgood@verizon.net). This is a fun job – and a great way to meet other TROT members. See details inside!