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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Maria Schwartz

As your new president, I'd like to wish each of you a very Happy Spring! I know this past winter with its frequent snow storms has caused many of us to suffer the loss of treasured moments in the saddle and on the trail. TROT wants to support your efforts to "cure what ails ya" by offering a number of TROT-sponsored trail rides, almost as many trail clearing opportunities, and other ways that you can use your talents and interests as a member of TROT. As you read through this newsletter, you will see many opportunities to meet other like-minded TROT members. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to broaden your network of trail riding friends in various horse-related activities.

I look forward to serving you with the able assistance of a fabulous group of trail riders who have agreed to serve as officers, board members, committee chairs, county coordinators, and trail guides. For specific names, positions, and contact information, please see "Who's Who in TROT" in this newsletter. Feel free to contact me with questions, suggestions, and concerns to mariaeschwartz@verizon.net. It's going to be a great year, be part of it!!

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Wanted Barbara Sollner-Webb

While the TROT Board of Directors and Newsletter Editor endeavor to keep our members updated with equestrian information relevant to trail riding in MD and nearby PA, VA, WV, DC and DE, we are an all-volunteer organization and need your help.

When vigilant TROT members hear about relevant legislation, changes to riding venues, new riding or horse-camping areas, or other information that would be useful to the TROT membership, please inform Barbara Sollner-Webb, who will coordinate submissions for the Newsletter (bsw@jhmi.edu or 301-604-5619).

We are counting on YOUR input -- verbally, in writing, or as a draft Newsletter article.



A few pictures from the first TROT Trail Ride of 2014 at the North Tract of the Patuxent Wildlife Reserach Refuge (in Laurel, MD).

TROT ACTIVITIES

For up to date information about TROT activities visit:

TROT website: Harold Goldstein, Webmaster
www.trot-md.org

TROT Newsletter: Marcia Lyons, Newsletter Editor
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It is also available on the TROT website for online review or download:

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

Archive issues: <http://www.trot-md.org/newsletters.php>

TROT Yahoo groups

MarylandTrailRiders Maryland Trail Riders
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MarylandTrailRiders/join>

TROT-Members Trail Riders of Today (TROT)

<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/TROT-Members/join>

Facebook page

TROT Trail Riders of Today
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/127953560568829/>

TROT MEMBERS INTERNET GROUPS

There are 2 yahoo mailing groups that are directly pertinent for TROT members

Harold Goldstein

1- A TROT members group for activities of interest to TROT members. Please feel free to share information about upcoming TROT events, share your thoughts about the preservation of existing equestrian trails and/or to promote the establishment of new ones. You can post last minute plans to go horseback riding, share your view points on general horse talk and even post photos of yourself or your horse. There are presently about 180 members. Volume is low, usually less than 5 messages per week.

2- A Md. Trailriders group for activities and issues of interest to trail riders. It is for those who want to share information and news about trail riding in Maryland and neighboring states, find out or schedule a trail ride, find a trail riding buddy, arrange transportation to a trail ride, ask questions about a particular trail. There are about 540 members and volume is on the order of 10 messages per week.

To join either or both of these groups go to the TROT website, <http://trot-md.org>, and scroll down to the bottom of the home page where there are 2 boxes for these groups; fill in with your email address and click where appropriate and follow the prompts that will follow.

There is another group, MDhorseperson which is more general than TROT's groups. This list is dedicated to the positive exchange of ideas and information regarding the care, maintenance and training of horses in Maryland. There are on the order of 170 members and volume varies. Go to <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/MDHorsePerson/info> for further information.

Editors note: Also available on Facebook is TROT Trail Riders Of Today. Not only are TROT activities but also information of other equine activities and events.

TROT TRAIL RIDES SCHEDULE

Trail Rides for 2014! Lisa Troutman

Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on any ride and for information about start time, location and directions. All ride participants must wear a helmet, be TROT members; membership forms will be available at rides for non-members and you can always join online. Current negative coggins must be provided for each horse.

The most current trail ride information is available on the TROT website. If you have any questions about a ride, please visit the TROT website and contact the trail ride leader.

If you would like to lead a trail ride, contact Lisa Troutman at cat.home@verizon.net or 301-928-5243. It's fun and a great opportunity to meet other TROT members and maybe find a new trail buddy. My motto is: Pick your place, pick your pace, pick your space.

If you need a ride to a TROT event or can offer one please email Marcia Lyons to be listed in an upcoming newsletter. Or contact the ride leader.

MAY

Schooley Mill Park, Highland, MD, Thursday, May 1 Rain date **May 8** Ride leader Debby Poole

This is the perfect ride for horses or riders who are new to group rides, for those that want to take it easy since it is early in the season, or for those that just like to take it easy and enjoy the scenery. The ride will be walk only for 1 – 3 hours. If we have a big enough group, we can also have a walk/trot (mostly walk, occasional trot) group. There are some hills, but very negotiable. There are rocky areas, so shoe/boots can be worn, but are not an absolute necessity as we can usually avoid rocky areas. Pot luck lunch after the ride (at approximately noon). Email: Debby Poole at debby.poole@juno.com

Woodstock Park, Barnesville, MD, Sunday, May 11 Ride leaders Andrea Caplan and Lisa Troutman

Beautiful trails along grassy fields, in the woods, and some gravel roads. There are stream crossings and several wooden bridges. The ride will be 2 – 3 hours, at a medium pace (walk and trot). Bring water for your horse as there is no water at the trailer parking area. Please bring a lunch and chair for afterward. Ample parking on west side of Rt 28. Event will be canceled if we have significant rain 48 hours prior to the ride.

Contact: Andrea at: 301-346-5716 or email andrea@thebodypolitic.net or Lisa at email cat.home@verizon.net

Rocky Gorge Watershed, Laurel, MD, Saturday May 17 - Raindate **May 31**. Ride leaders: Terry Ledley - 301-776-2661; Barb Sollner-Webb & Denis Webb – bsw@jhmi.edu

Despite the name, the footing is ok for barefoot horses. The view should be great with spring blooming wild flowers and magnificent views of the reservoir with a good chance of seeing heron and maybe an eagle. There are plenty of easy stream crossings to water the horses. Terry will be leading a walk-only group, and Barbara and Denis Webb will lead a walk-trot group and a walk-trot-canter group. After the 3 hour ride there will be a pot luck lunch at the Webbs. Your pot-luck contribution will get ferried from the trailer parking area to the Webbs for the lunch.

Doncaster State Forest, Ironsides, MD Friday May 30 Ride Leader Donata Dow

Doncaster State Forest has miles of wonderful trails. The ride will be on woodland trails with bridge and stream crossings. The pace will be depend on the group. This ride is good for horses starting out. Shoes are not needed. The ride will be two to three hours long. Bring a lunch for after the ride.

Contact information: email: donata410@gmail.com or phone 301-743-5114

JUNE

Liberty Reservoir – Sunday June 1 Ride leader Mary Prowell

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 footing is mostly good although there are some rocks on the fire road and part of the woods trail is not well used. The pace will be walk/trot/canter. Depending on the number of riders, there may be a walk/trot group and a walk only group. The Reservoir is a pretty place to ride with views of the water and through a mostly deciduous forest. Pack a lunch for the lunch break. 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 for 2½ to 3 hours. Location/parking: Park on Deer Park Rd.

Contact Mary Prowell at email boprow@aol.com

Rachel Carson Park, Brookeville, MD – Thursday June 5, Rain date June 12. Ride leader – Laury Lobel

This is a slow, walk-only ride. Time about 1 ½ - 2 hours. There will only be one group. Lunch provided afterward: wraps and drinks ---bring a small side dish or dessert for sharing. Limited to 8 trailers. Please email at Laurylobel@verizon.net or call 301-467-7300.

Ag Park, Derwood, MD – Saturday June 7, Ride Leader – Deneen Martin

Come celebrate National Trails Day at the Ag Park. This is a wonderful place to ride and always a fun ride. There are open fields, water crossings and bridge crossings. The ride will be about 2 – 3 hours. There will be 2 or 3 groups according to riding levels. One group will be walk only, one group will be walk/trot and one group will be walk/trot/canter group- depending on the trail condition. All fitness levels are welcome- we will accommodate rider & horse fitness. Boots and shoes are okay but not necessary. Ready to ride at 10 am. Bring a chair and something to share for lunch - drinks and fruit will be provided. Email: deneenmartin7@msn.com or cell/text 301-467-5335.

Potomac Riverside Farm, Poolesville, MD - Saturday June 7, Ride Leader – Naomi Manders

Come celebrate National Trails Day on the C & O Canal and adjacent trails with the Potomac Bridle and Hiking Trails Association as our hosts. There will be a slow group and a faster group. A BBQ tailgate to follow. Contact Naomi for more info. 301-279-7994 and leave message.

JULY

New Market - Saturday July 19 Rain date July 26 Ride leader Steff Cacopardo

The ride will be approximately 1½ hours, mostly walk, some trot, and a little canter if possible. We will be mostly in the woods w/ a

short walk on pavement on a dead end road. There will be creek crossings w/ clean water for the horses to drink. Shoes or boots recommended unless your horse has tough feet. After the ride you can swim your horse in the pond below the trailer parking. The pond has a horse/people friendly gravel entry. There is space for at least a dozen horses in the shade while we have our after ride BBQ. Please bring a side dish. I will get the burgers and dogs from Mt. Airy Meat Locker, supporting local farmers. Contact Steff Cacopardo at scladyhawk@msn.com and use "trail ride" as the subject heading or call 240-876-9689

SEPTEMBER

Cedarville State Park, Brandywine, MD – Sunday September 14 Ride leader Judie Artman

Cedarville State Forest has nearly 20 miles of lovely trails that wind their way through pine and hardwood forests with a few clearings. Most trails are flat. Some trails may have exposed roots and there are areas covered with pea gravel, but generally the trails are in good shape. There will be bridges to cross. The pace will be a fair amount of trotting with frequent walk breaks with some cantering if the group wishes. There are places with good footing for canters if the group wishes. Horses should be fit to trot for five minutes at a stretch interspersed with intervals of walking. Most horses will be OK barefoot but horses sensitive to hard ground or small gravel will need shoes or boots. If the weather has been dry, the trails can be quite hard packed. Be prepared to see hikers and possibly a mountain biker or two. The ride is about 10 – 12 miles or 2 hours. Please bring lunch and chairs with you and let's enjoy a meal together after the ride. There is a \$3.00 fee to enter the park (\$4.00 for out of state rigs). Please pay as you enter the park and place the ticket on your rear view mirror. For more information or to reserve, please call Judie Artman at 703-599-8355 or email artmanju@yahoo.com

Susquehanna State Park, Havre de Grace, MD - Saturday September 20. Rain date September 27 Ride leader Dianna O'Neil b.oneil1@verizon.net

Enjoy a nice fall ride at Susquehanna State Park. The ride is walk only, limited to 8 riders. The ride will be approximately 3 hours. Terrain can be hilly with water crossings, some portions of the trails are rocky. Your horse should be in good condition due to hills. Shoes or boots are highly recommended although not all of the trails are rocky, but just about every trail has a portion that has rocks. Pot luck lunch afterward – bring a dish to share! RSVP by email– b.oneil1@verizon.net or text– 410-215-0491

NOVEMBER

Anacostia Park – TBD Ride leader John Angevine

This is a favorite TROT ride that closes out our ride season. Folks who have attended this ride say they are amazed with the spacious trails and beautiful scenes along the Anacostia River so close to downtown DC. The ride may encounter bikes, fishermen, some asphalt, as well as a scenic view of the historic Lincoln Cemetery. Ride leaders will provide water and granola bars.

Contact John at 301-937-0014

NATIONAL TRAIL DAY

Celebrating trails in the US Priscilla Huffman

National Trails Day is a series of outdoor activities, on the first Saturday in June, designed to promote and celebrate the importance of trails in the United States. Individuals, clubs and organizations from around the country host National Trails Day events to share their love of trails with friends, family, and their communities. National Trails Day introduces thousands of Americans to a wide array of trail activities: hiking, biking, paddling, horseback riding, trail running, and bird watching and more. For public and private land managers alike, National Trails Day is a great time to showcase beautiful landscapes and special or threatened locales as thousands of people will be outside looking to participate in National Trails Day events. For more information on National Trails Day, click on <http://www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/>

TROT will be promoting National Trails Day with two special events on June 7: a trail ride from the Agricultural History Farm Park in Montgomery County, led by Deneen Martin, and a joint ride with the Potomac Bridle & Hiking Trails Association, Potomac Riverside Farm in Poolesville led by Naomi Manders. More information on these rides is available in our ride list on page 3 of this newsletter.

Another June 7 event, sponsored by the Carroll County Equestrian Center, is a trail clearing project (mounted or on foot) at Morgan Run from 9:00 - Noon. Meet at Ben Rose Lane and bring your own tools. Contact Carolyn Garber at 410-549-5141 for more information.

Join us at one of these events to celebrate National Trails Day!

TRAIL WORK DAYS

Upcoming work days Amy Kimble



Terry and Deneen at Annapolis Rock Trail work day



Suzy at trailwork

We have had three TROT trail work days so far, with 13 TROT members have contributed their time, several on two workdays. See photos. Thank you, and I have enjoyed working with you all!

Upcoming work days -

Please contact Amy 301-748-8310, amykimble@aol.com for specifics and to arrange your participation.

Also please bring your own tools, gloves and bug repellent.

5/10/14 Saturday 9-noon: Gillis Falls/CCEC 2512 Grimville Rd. Mt. Airy, Md. - We will be working with Carroll County. Amy will coordinate with their Peggy Miller.



Jean, Terry, Maria, Pat O and Tigger @ Patuxent Work Day off Rt. 97. Filling out volunteer paperwork for DNR

May 18 Sunday 9-noon: Morgan Run - We will again be working with Carroll County.

May 31 Saturday 9-noon: Piney Run - This site has very limited parking so we must coordinate. Meet at Martz Road Parking lot off of Rt. 26. Eldersburg.

June 7-Saturday: Nat'l Trails Day -- on horseback or on foot Morgan Run -- Meet at Ben Rose Lane. Amy Kimble will coordinate with Carolyn Garber.

GREAT FIRST TROT RIDE

North Tract, 4/5/14 Barbara Sollner-Webb

First TROT ride of 2014, at North Tract, April 5



Twenty-three (23!) TROT members enjoyed a delightful first TROT ride of the season, at the North Tract of the Patuxent Wildlife Reserach Refuge (in Laurel, MD). It was a perfect day, sunny and crisp -- warm enough to enjoy sitting around at the yummy pot-luck lunch after the ride, but not so warm as to bother our out-of-shape equine buddies. The rains of the previous few days perfectly highlighted one of North Tract's great virtues that its trails (designed for military tanks, back when the land was Fort Meade's) are fine to ride when the ground is so wet that riding at most other venues would damage their trails.

We had an all-walk group (led by Terry Ledley, a TROT founding member), two walk/trot groups (led by Sharon Hardy and Denis Webb), and a walk/trot/tolt/canter group (led by Barbara Sollner-Webb), so everyone could move at their desired speed and in groups that were not too large. The various groups covered between 7 and 15 miles, and I believe everyone had a great time, both on the ride and at the pot-luck after.

Also happily, we were able to arrange for a TROT member to trailer the horse of another member who had not come on a ride before due to lack of a trailer, and another person rode under TROT's new temporary membership policy but decided to join this nice group as a regular member after the ride.

For those of you who didn't come, you missed a fun time!

BALTIMORE CITY REC. & PARKS

Trails Summit Priscilla Huffman

On March 22, 2014 the Baltimore City Recreation and Parks department held their annual trails summit at Cylburn Arboretum. This summit, coordinated by the Outdoor Recreation Program, is an opportunity for various user groups and stakeholders to present updates on trail maintenance activities and future plans for park trails in the city. Some of the park areas highlighted were the Jones Falls Trail, Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park trails, Herring Run Trail and Stoney Run Trail. Although many of the trail systems are paved, natural surface sustainable trails have been created in some parks, with plans in several areas for additional sustainable trails.

Good news for TROT! Last year, Baltimore City updated a decades-old Park Rule banning horses in city parks, and horses are now permitted through the events permit process. Currently guidelines are being developed by the Rec. & Parks Department to ensure the safety of both horses and other trail users. Once the guidelines are finalized, plans are to have a "kick-off" event with riders, possibly later this summer.

If you are interested in helping Baltimore City Recreation and Parks and our Park Friends Groups with maintenance and programming on our city trails, please contact Mary Hardcastle Volunteer Coordinator mhardcastle@baltimorecity.gov or Molly Gallant Outdoor Recreation Programmer Molly.gallant@baltimorecity.gov

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members

Pat Talbott, Membership Registrar

TROT new members report as of April 20, 2014

Welcome to our 8 new members, since our last newsletter. We invite your participation and support of the fellowship and satisfaction of rides and activities which offer enjoyable riding and the opportunity to support maintenance of our great Trail Riding environment.

The new members, and the county they represent are:

Nicole Alvarez-Torrech	Montgomery County
Jennifer Bajackson	Baltimore County
Dolores B. Edell	Howard County
Toni Klos	Baltimore County
Susan Montgomery	Howard County
Ross Peddicord	Anne Arundel County
L. Lee Royer	Carroll County
Carol Thomas	Howard County
Vicki, Sloan	Anne Arundel Country



Years ago, WSSC dedicated this trail to Terry Ledley, a founding member of our local riding organization (Trail Riders of Today, or TROT), who at 87 is still an avid rider and worker on this trail.

TROT LOGO WEAR

Show your support

Wear TROT Logo Wear to show support for YOUR riding club. As you have probably heard, TROT's Executive Board has arranged that you can conveniently shop for your favorite TROT Logo Wear, as well as other desired items such as mugs, saddle pads, etc. that you would like to emblazon with our club's logo, even ordering in your pajamas!

Say It!Graphics, owned and operated by TROT member Chrissy Jongezoon, offers a wide range of high quality reasonably priced clothing and other accessories emblazoned with the TROT logo by screen printing and embroidery.

- You can order 24/7 at www.sayitgraphics.com, or
- for inquiries e-mail Chrissy at web@sayitgraphics.net or
- call at 301-829-5959. or
- come by Say It! Graphics -- at 239 South Main St, Mt. Airy, MD 21771 -- to see the items before ordering or to immediately purchase from TROT's assortment of pre-emblazoned logo wear.

As an additional incentive, and without raising the price, Say It! Graphics donates 15% of the purchase price to TROT!

ADOPT A TRAIL

Help Maintain Your Trails Amy Kimble

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

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

BOARD MEETINGS MINUTES

April 2014 Nancy Osgood, TROT Secretary

The monthly meeting of the TROT Officers and Board was held on April 1, 2014.

In attendance: Maria Schwartz (Pres), Susan Railey (Treas), Nancy Osgood (Sec), Pat Talbott (BD via phone), Priscilla Huffman (BD), Jen Poole (BD), Barbara Sollner-Webb (BD), Br. Roger Nelson (BD), Jean Cooper (BD), Laury Lobel (BD), Sim Shanks, Kathy Diamond, Dick Huffman, Denis Webb.

Reports were provided by Susan Railey (Treasurer's Report); Pat Talbott (Membership Report); Lisa Troutman (Trail Rides Report); and Amy Kimble (Trail Work Report).

County Coordinator Report Highlights

Montgomery County: Ron MacNab reported that the Maryland Horse Forum will be held on August 7. A draft agenda has been developed. Speakers and details are under development.

Baltimore County: Baltimore city has reversed its prohibition of horses in parks. There is one stable in a city park. Two trails in city limits have been opened – in Jones Falls trail and in Gwynns Falls Park.

Old and New Business Highlights

The Board is considering a spring/summer fun event – like a judged pleasure ride without judging – just riding through a trail with occasional obstacles.

Additional County legislatures are considering Sunday hunting. TROT will work to keep membership in those counties informed.

National Trails Day is June 7 and is sponsored by the American Hiking Association and is celebrated nation-wide. TROT will work to sponsor some events, possibly work days on several trails. Members will be encouraged to participate.

The Board discussed a special one-day membership for riders who are not annual members but who would like to participate in a TROT ride. The fee is proposed to be \$5 per ride.

There have been meetings with the Department of Natural Resource personnel regarding the development of a system of sustainable trails in the Patuxent River State Park. This is an extremely important project for equestrians to be involved in. After a robust discussion, the Board agreed that TROT would participate and potentially provide funding for a planning study.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6th.

COUNTY REPORT

Baltimore County Priscilla Huffman

Plans are still pending to meet with the park ranger for Department of Natural Resources and review several areas of the Hereford section of Gunpowder Falls State Park that need trail maintenance. With the recent winter storms, it is expected that this list will be significantly increased! Within the next few weeks, it should be dry enough to begin riding the trails and noting where our volunteer trail clearing efforts need to be focused. We worked hard over the summer to clear a full loop for the Bunker Hill trail, and are hoping that trail will be rideable enough to schedule a TROT ride this summer.

Several interesting articles have been posted on the TROT Baltimore County Facebook page. Check them at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/597045973658997/> Join our Facebook page!

Howard County Amy Kimble

Amy Kimble and Pat Merson held a meeting on Friday March 21 for Frederick County Trail Riders to discuss the current trails and future plans. 24 riders signed in and we discussed plans for Catoclin Mountain Park and the need to connect the ridge trail systems. We also discussed putting the new roof on the barn at Camp Greentop. There was a lot of support for both projects and people said they were glad that they had attended.

TROT LICENSE PLATE

Do You Have Your TROT License Plate?

Susan Railey

Have you driven down the road and noticed a beautiful license plate with a black horse and rider silhouetted against a yellow sun? That's our TROT organizational license plate. Don't just admire everyone else's license plate. Get one of your own.



It's very easy. Send an email to susanrailey@verizon.net and ask for an application. I will send you an instruction letter, and the MVA application which you complete and send back to me with a \$25 check. I confirm your membership, sign the application, and forward it to MVA. Your new plates arrive in a few short weeks. You do not need to wait for your current plates to be renewed. The new stickers are pro-rated so you do not lose any registration time for which you have already paid.



WSSC-trail: This environmentally sound trail diagonally negotiates hills and has ample shade in the summer, making it relatively cool.



WSSC-trail: The trail offers countless spectacular views of the Rocky Gorge Reservoir (that despite its name is a virtually rock-free ride).



WSSC-trail-sunset: One of many great views on this 18-mile ride.

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Vacant - Looking for a volunteer

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Vacant - Looking for a volunteer

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TRAIL GUIDES

The following volunteers are willing to show TROT members their favorite trails on an individual basis.

Contact them to arrange a personal guided trail ride.

Benson Branch Park

Sandy Brewer Email sandbrewer@aol.com

Blockhouse Point (Farm Loop on Canal at Violettes Lock)

Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

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

Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

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

North Tract of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge, Laurel

Barbara Sollner-Webb – email: bsw@jhmi.edu or phone: (301) 604-5619

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 - phone: H: (410) 442-5006 C: (410) 245-8942

Sugarloaf Mt.

Vicki Bazan (301) 831-8715

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

WSSC/Rocky Gorge trail

(Supplee Lane in PG to Tucker Lane in Montgomery County).

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e-mail bsw@jhmi.edu, or phone: (301) 604-5619

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

Adopt a Trail

TROT is piloting an adopt a trail program!

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

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

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

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

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

Please consider volunteering by filling out the form below:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TRAIL SYSTEM OR AREA YOU RIDE: _____

CONTACT INFO.:

E-MAIL _____

CELL/PHONE: _____

DATE: _____

COUNTY: _____

STATE: _____

Mail form to: Amy Kimble 9622 Woodsoboro Road, Frederick, MD 21701

New/Renew TROT Membership Application

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. PAY BY PAYPAL AND COMPLETE FORM ONLINE (SAVE POSTAGE)

PayPal -- go to <http://www.trot-md.org/membership.php>. NOTE: You do not need a PayPal account.

You may complete this form online after paying via PayPal and send it online, go to <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeggcg/> no postage necessary.

2. COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM AND PAY BY CHECK

Check -- please make checks payable to Trail Riders of Today and print and complete the attached Application form and send it and your check to: Patricia Talbott, TROT Membership, 10399 Liberty Road, Frederick MD 21701

Date: ____/____/20____

____ Membership Renewal

____ New Membership

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

*FIRST NAME: _____ Do Not List

*LAST NAME: _____ Do Not List

SPOUSE/SIG OTHER: _____ Do Not List

OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS: _____ Do Not List

*ADDRESS: _____ Do Not List

*CITY: _____ Do Not List

*STATE: _____ Do Not List

*5 DIGIT POSTAL CODE: _____ Do Not List

*COUNTY: _____ Do Not List

PRIMARY CONTACT PHONE: _____ Do Not List

E-MAIL _____ Do Not List

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2014

Membership is for the calendar year. All individuals included in a family TROT membership must be members of the same family living at the same address. Additional contributions are welcome and help to preserve the trails you ride on. TROT is a tax exempt, nonprofit organization and contributions are tax deductible.

Complete if you have not paid by PayPal

One year membership \$20.00 per year

Contributing member \$30.00 per year

Sustaining member \$50.00 per year

Membership Type _____ Single _____ Family

Number of membership cards required _____

Additional contributions \$ (tax deductible)

TROT NEWSLETTER

I prefer to receive the TROT Newsletter by:

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

VOLUNTEER --- WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please check any areas where you would be willing to assist.

____ Ride Leader ____ Horse World Expo Booth ____ Trail Clearing ____ Judged Pleasure Ride

____ Annual Dinner/Silent Auction ____ Other Activities (list) _____

CLASSIFIED ADS

To place an ad email: marcia.lyons7@gmail.com

TROT Members: One regular (100 word) ad FREE!

Non-member rates:

Classified ads

\$6.00 for first 100 words - \$0.10 for each additional word

Business Card \$6.00

1/4 page ad \$25

1/2 page ad \$40

Full page ad \$75

Insert (all copies delivered to our printer) \$50

All free ads will run for only one issue and may be run in the next issue if the Editor is notified within 15 days prior to the publish date.

BOARDING , HORSE PROPERTY

TURN-KEY HORSE PROPERTY FOR SALE - on

Emory Road, Carroll County- USDA loan eligible, 3.2 acres, entire property fenced 3 board oak, lighted arena 754 ft x 191 ft, pastoral views,

2 horse stall, 1 pony stall barn w/ run-in, tack room, workshop, ride out to surrounding farm land, two run-in sheds, well maintained property.

Four level, split level home, 3 bedroom/2.5 baths, large family room, formal dining room & living room, wood stove, 2 fireplaces, wrap around porch, potential in-law suite with separate entrance and patio, easy commute to Balt.-Metro Area & Fort Meade. \$399,900. Call for private showing, Paris 410-303-9317 cell, Paris.Niesterowicz@cbmove.com

SERVICES

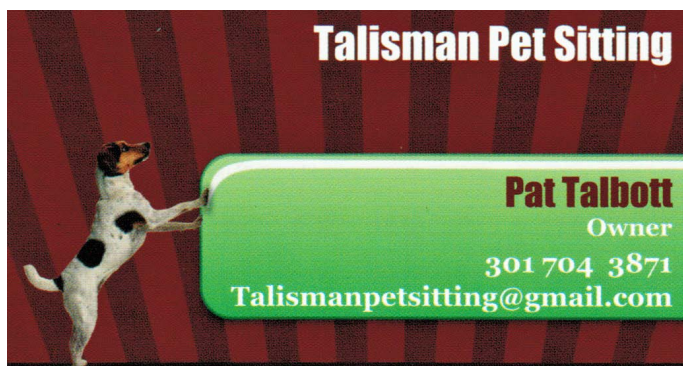
EQUINE CRANIO-SACRAL THERAPY & MASSAGE

Janet Young, PhD, EEBW, TROT Member 202-997-2378
janet@goldray.com www.equine-equanimity.com

Give your horse a treat for the New Year!

Just like humans, horses get sore muscles, especially if work is intermittent, or intense. The result: actions often interpreted as "bad behavior". Massage can: provide comfort, improve disposition, enhance performance, reduce tactile defense, increase circulation. Complementary, not a substitute for regular veterinary care.

Members get 10% discount.



Talisman Pet Sitting

Pat Talbott
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Talismanpetsitting@gmail.com



TRAIL RIDERS OF TODAY

Patricia Talbott, TROT Membership

10399 Liberty Road, Frederick MD 21701

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NATIONAL TRAILS DAY®- TROT will be promoting National Trails Day with two special events.

TRAIL WORK DAYS - We have had three TROT trail work days so far this year.

2014 TROT TRAIL RIDES - Trail Ride Leaders needed for 2014, especially for August and October. 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.