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Save the date
TROT ANNUAL MEETING
[Potluck and Silent Auction]
Saturday February 23, 2008 6 pm

Howard County Fairgrounds
(More information in January TROT Newsletter)

HAPPY TRAILS !

Patuxent River State Park TROT Ride, October 6, 2007

Suzanne and CuppaJoe (Bos sent his regrets)

By 9:30 a.m. trailers were pulling in to the "cow pasture" off of small Annapolis Rock Road (which is off of big Annapolis Rock Road, aka Woodbine Road, aka route 94). As everyone signed in, I handed out color printed maps downloaded from the TROT website.

I was so happy to see Deneen Martin pull in, as she knows these trails better than I. So with Deneen on her beautiful tri-color 3 year old paint filly riding at one end, and I riding my new 8 year old black bay racking gelding at the other, 11 riders set out on the trails.

I volunteered to lead a ride in *October* because I really dislike riding in Maryland's summer heat and humidity. So what I want to know is, did

Mother Nature NOT get the memo? It was HOT, and it was HUMID. Thankfully we had overcast skies until about noon, and my trailer awning for shade after that.



We put in 1 ½ hours on trails within the boundaries of Annapolis Rock Road major, Annapolis Rock Road minor, Hipsley Mill Road, and the Patuxent River, encountering ground bees twice and blocked or tangled

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President's Message

As the year winds down, our TROT membership renewal efforts gear up. This year, in addition to a mailing that will go out to all current members and past members, we are sending a copy of this newsletter to all members who had joined for 2006 but did not renew their membership in 2007.

If you are one of those members, please take a minute to consider the benefits of TROT membership. TROT represents the largest group of trail riders in the area, and is the only equestrian group whose primary mission is trail preservation. Our TROT rides are a safe and fun way to learn new trails and network with other trail riders. The newsletter keeps you in touch with upcoming events, and our web site provides a copy of our calendar and links to other resources around the state. Many tack stores in the area give a 10% discount to TROT members, and the silent auction at our annual dinner is always a great place to pick up bargains.

There is a membership renewal form included with this newsletter, so please take a minute to fill in your current contact information and renew for 2008. All renewals and new members received after October 1, 2007 are considered renewed for the following year.

Our membership renewal committee will also be looking through older TROT lists for names of those who may have dropped off of our database, and will be adding them to our renewal mailing list. Please direct any former members who you might know to our web site for a renewal form, if they did not receive this newsletter.

As we approach the most beautiful time of the year to ride, let's each take a few minutes to appreciate how much work TROT has done over the years to keep our local trails open for horses. And also, let's each reach out to someone else who may not yet be a TROT member and encourage them to support this valuable organization.

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SILENT AUCTION

DON'T FORGET! February 23, 2008 is the **Annual TROT Meeting**. Help TROT by participating in the Silent Auction.

It's hard to believe that it's time to start making preparations for the Annual Dinner/Silent Auction again. If you are interested in helping on the committee, please contact Kyle Jossi at 301-570-3860 or email at bossyjossi@netscape.com. We especially need people to contact local merchants for donations. Also, please contact Kyle if you would like to discuss an auction donation.

New Trot Members

Please welcome the following new members

Katrin Boniface

Kristina Bulick

Laurie Dove

Charlotte Dutton

Jack Purdum

Valerie Helfrich

Robert Benedik

Rebecca Hodgson

Christine Valerino

James Valerino

Susan Hughes

Bill Hughes

Daryl Kuster

Susan Rechen

Patty Aitken

Patricia Chlop

Kimberly Coombe

Kimi McKeown

Gina Miller

FROM THE TRAIL RIDE COORDINATOR

Kyle Jossi

Mother Nature is having the last laugh on us as she turned summer into winter in just a day. And all of us are busy with the rituals that come with impending winter – getting in hay, pulling out the blankets, and watching our horses become furry bears! But what perfect days for trail riding. The TROT trail riding season is coming to a close. John Angevine's annual Anacostia Park ride on November 17th is the last ride for the year. (See the previous Trot issue for addition description. John can be reached at 301-937-0014.)

We are still looking for someone to take over as Trail Ride Coordinator. Please contact any Board member if you are interested or would just like to find out what the job entails.

Other ride reports:

Antietam Battlefield – September 23rd. Led by Katrin Boniface. Still waiting for a ride report – to appear in the next edition.

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Rosaryville State Park – October 14th. Led by Jan Chrypinski. See the next issue for ride report.

Manassas Park Battlefield ride – post-poned until next Spring. The date we had originally chosen was a popular one and two other large horse groups were going to be there at the same time. Jan Solovey has graciously agreed to lead a ride next Spring and we will be reserving a trailer parking area in the park.

Riding in Carroll Co. During Deer Hunting Season

Anne Bennof

Parks in Carroll Co. differ somewhat from the statewide deer hunting schedule published by DNR and summarized nicely on p. 6 of the September issue of our newsletter.

Hunting season runs from September 1 through February 15 in the following parks administered by Carroll Co:

Union Mills – Trails closed Mon., Wed. & Fri. and all statewide gun dates

Gillis Falls – Trails closed Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat. and all statewide gun dates

Piney Run – No hunting allowed, but trails are close to borders of private hunting areas.

Riders are advised to be cautious.

Also in Carroll Co:

Morgan Run (State Natural Environmental Area) – Bow hunting season extends from Oct. 18-Jan 31 on Wed. through Sat. Suggest riding there Sunday through Tuesday during bow only dates.

Stay out during gun dates scheduled for this park that fall within bow season above: Nov. 24-Dec. 8; Dec. 15-Dec. 29.

Patapsco Valley State Park—Hunting is available in different parts of Patapsco at different times during the hunting season. Because of the size of the park and the complexity of the hunting boundaries, the Park recommends that those planning to ride in Patapsco obtain a copy of their Hunting Program Guide, which provides maps and rules. The book is available at headquarters Mon.-Fri. 8:30-4:00. It is also available online at www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/central/patapscovalley.html

Liberty Reservoir – Share trails with bow hunters for the entire statewide deer season.

Reminder: Rifles, shotguns and muzzleloaders are all **guns**.

Montgomery County set to cull deer

Nine county parks will close for several days over the next few months for limited hunts aimed at decreasing the deer population. Also, sharpshooters will hunt deer in six more parks early next year, at night when parks are closed. Managed hunts, limited to qualified hunters already selected by the parks department in a lottery last month, will be conducted at parks in the county's rural northern crescent for a few days from October through January. Park Police will deploy sharpshooters for night-time hunts at downcounty parks in January, February and March.

Park closings - Parks will be closed from sunrise to sunset.

Hoyles Mill Conservation Park, Boyds: Nov. 16; Dec. 1, 7, 15, 21; Jan. 5, 18, 26

Woodstock Equestrian Park, Beallsville: Nov. 17, 30; Dec. 8, 22; Jan. 4, 19, 25

Rachel Carson Conservation Park, Brookeville: Dec. 17

Blockhouse Point Conservation Park, Darnestown: Dec. 18

Great Seneca Stream Valley Park, Goshen: Nov. 14, 21; Dec. 12; Jan. 2

North Germantown Greenway Park, Goshen: Nov. 14, 21; Dec. 12; Jan. 2

Bucklodge Forest Conservation Park, Barnesville: Nov. 30; Jan. 4

Little Seneca Stream Valley Park, Boyds: Dec. 1; Jan. 5

Little Bennett Regional Park, Clarksburg: Dec. 3 through Dec. 7

Closed for sharpshooting from sunset to sunrise Jan. 1 through March 31 are:

Agricultural History Farm Park, Derwood

Black Hill Regional Park, Boyds

North Branch Stream Valley Park, Derwood

Northwest Branch Park, Aspen Hill

Rock Creek Regional Park, Rockville

Wheaton Regional Park, Wheaton

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trail twice. We swung near the trailers at that point, and some of us stayed there while Deneen led the others on a perimeter ride of the remaining area within the boundaries described.

My co-hosts, and providers of a lovely after ride snack, were Cathy Diamond (riding AGA=another grey arab), and Br. Roger Nelson (on his big footed bay—ask Cathy why she's wearing 2 different sized shoes). Cathy pulled out an additional table, set it with a lace cloth, lovely purple flowers in a vase, cold cider, Halloween sized candies, and Pumpkin Bread! Roger set out 2 coolers with iced sodas and bottled water. In the shade of the awning, we relaxed and visited and snacked (and dozed), until the rest of the riders returned. Then some folks loaded up and headed home and the second sitting made themselves comfortable.



My very sincere thanks again to Cathy and Roger for the lovely spread, and to Deneen for being my 2nd trail boss. Maybe next October will be more seasonally cool!

TRAILER FIRE – WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Kyle Jossi

I look forward to the time I spend with my blacksmith (Van Mizell) because he's always got an entertaining story or helpful hint that makes the time go quickly. This time, his story was one of a near tragedy. A few weeks ago, he was driving up Rt 70 with one horse in his trailer. He noticed a trucker frantically waving to him and saw smoke pouring from his trailer. The tire was on fire. (He later figured out that a horse had been tied next to the tire and knocked off the cap that keeps the grease in. When all the grease leaked out, the tire overheated.) You don't realize until you think about it how much flammable material there is on a trailer – the wooden floor boards, the rubber mats, hay, and shavings. Van knew he had three choices. #1 – unhitch the truck from the

trailer because the gas in the truck would blow the truck up. The horse doesn't get saved in this scenario. #2 – unload the horse from the trailer. However, Van said in his experience, most horses unloaded on the side of a busy highway will run into traffic and cause an accident. #3 – grab the fire extinguisher that you keep for such an emergency. Which is what Van did. The story had a happy ending, the horse was fine. Anyone who trailers horses should think thru what they would do if faced with a fire. Keep a fire extinguisher in a place that's easy to get to and be sure it's always charged. We keep two in our trailer, and we had to use one last year at team penning when someone's engine caught fire from a bird's nest inside it.

Maryland Horse Council

Nita Settina | Program Chief | Maryland Park Service

The Maryland Horse Council membership meeting on October 4 included a presentation by Ms. Nita Settina, chief of the Recreation and Resource Conservation Program at the Maryland Park Service. Her talk highlighted the efforts of the Maryland Park Service to implement principles of sustainable trail design, construction and maintenance. Ms. Settina was also joined by Amy Lutsko, who oversees trail maintenance at Patapsco Valley State Park and supervises a Maryland Conservation Corps crew.

Ms. Settina described the value of sustainable trails, which use design principles to minimize the environmental impacts of trail recreation by resisting erosion and reducing vegetation trampling. Sustainable trails also enhance outdoor recreation experiences and minimize user conflicts. Ms. Settina cited the principles of sustainable trail design taught by the International Mountain Bike Association's Trail Solutions Program. Sustainable trails shed water from the trail surface by following the natural contour of the land, avoiding the "fall line" and low, flat areas. The fall line is the

downhill slope of the land where water will naturally flow most directly. Sustainable trails also employ other strategies to continually keep water from standing or running on the trail surface, including: outsloping the trail tread, using grade reversals and ensuring that the steepness of the trail is proportional to the grade of the cross slope.

Members of the Maryland Horse Council were encouraged to support sustainable trails in their State Parks by considering the following actions: reporting eroding and muddy trail conditions to park managers, volunteering at least once annually for a trail maintenance work day, avoiding trail rides on wet, saturated trails and supporting park trail work through donations of trail tools and equipment. The Maryland Park Service welcomes ongoing input and collaboration with trail riders to improve existing trails, as well as, to create new, more sustainable trail systems in Maryland.

County Updates

Washington County

Susan Rechen

As the new Washington County Coordinator I'm in the process this October of finding out what equestrian trails there are, public and private, what's allowed, who established them, what interest there is in linking and expanding trails.

What excites me is the possibility of linking trails to Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, a 425 mile corridor along the Potomac River and a big part of Washington County. Within this idea I've been in conversation with Ric Francke, executive director of Potomac Heritage Trail Association (<http://potomactrail.org>) and with Virginia equestrian Robin Rentsch, Potomac Trail Council Board member, who both provided a lot of advice

in getting started and on private, public and official areas to attend to. While my immediate focus is on the Pleasant Valley system where I live to the west of South Mountain into adjoining Frederick County, I welcome enlightenment from folks around Hagerstown and other areas.

Going beyond these plans, I welcome any experiences, wishes, comments, concerns and issues anyone has about trails in Washington County. *Who's interested in getting together to go over Washington County events, trails and issues in November/December?* Please contact me at (cell) 301-946-3593, (work) 202-633-0960, email re-chens@si.edu.

Howard County

Pat Oliva

I want to say special thanks to the 16 people who signed up to help me with trail clearing at the February dinner meeting.. You all have been in Limbo for so long!!! I just want to say I am still trying to get the trails in Western Regional Park. I can't even cut a twig. On Oct 11th I met again with Park Director Arthur. The plans for the park seem to be changing fast.

There are more playing fields, parking lots, paved trails and pavilions added and less natural areas. I have lost trails I have marked and will have to accept changes. BUT we will have trails and a parking area.

The appointment to the Park and Recreation Board is still up in the air. My application sent in February is still pending an interview, as are the other applicative. After numerous phone calls I have written a letter to Ms. Feldmark's boss asking for clarification as to what can be done. I hope it is not a mistake.

To end on an upbeat note. At the last TROT meeting four new Howard County people came. What a wonderful breath of fresh air! They had some good ideas. Remember that the meetings are held at my home now and all are welcome.

Wanted:

- ◇ Members to contact local merchants for donations for Silent Auction and volunteers to help on the Committee for the Annual Dinner/Silent Auction. Contact: Kyle Jossi bossyjossi@netscape.com
- ◇ Volunteers to show other TROT members your favorite trails. Contact: **Nancy Osgood at nlosood@verizon.net**

Montgomery County

Ron MacNab

Changes at Little Bennett Park

Friends of Little Bennett Park met on October 10 for an update on changes to the park from Bob Turnbull of Maryland National Capital Park and Planning.

The trails will be worked on to increase their sustainability by sloping them to avoid damage from water runoff. Through this effort, equestrian trails at Little Bennett Park will be lengthened about 30% from 15 miles to nearly 20 miles. This is a four year project costing \$200,000. Hard Cider trail will be closed due to erosion and some new trails are expected to open. Planning and

preliminary work will take place this year with a budget of \$20,000. Work will begin in the southeastern sector of the park. An additional equestrian parking lot will be developed off of Lewisdale Road.

An excellent article on changes to the park appeared in the July 07 Equiery. To read the article copy and paste the following address into your WEB browser.

<http://equiery.com/archives/FrontPage/July07FrontPage.php>

Volunteer Trail Ranger Program

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) is recruiting for their new Volunteer Trail Ranger program. Recruits are being asked to attend a one-half day training session and agree to inspect and report on their assigned portion of a trail at least quarterly. This is an excellent way for those of us who enjoy

walking and riding these trails to keep the MNCPPC informed of their condition. I joined the program in June and was very pleased to see some of my maintenance suggestions have been responded to a long Northwest Branch. For more information on this program please visit: <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/team/VPR.shtm>

Trail Maintenance

The Montgomery County Park and Planning Commission periodically schedules trail maintenance on equestrian trails. Please watch future issues of the TROT newsletter for dates and locations.

Typically, you are asked to volunteer three to four hours labor toward the maintenance of the trails. You may contact Ben Sugar for more information. He may be reached at (301) 650-4395 or emailed at ben.sugar@mncppc-mc.org.

The MNCCP has done an exceptional job at planning and maintaining equestrian trails in Montgomery County. It is very important that TROT members participate in these occasional maintenance days to register our support and commitment to equestrian trails. With all of the competing budget and political priorities faced by MNCCP, equestrians need to speak-up and show-up to insure that our exceptional trails continue to be a priority.

Montgomery County Parks - 2007 Facts

Once again this September I was paying my Montgomery County property taxes, shaking my head and asking myself the rhetorical question, "Is it worth it?" Though the question remains open, I do feel considerably better having found some wonderful 2007 data about our park system.

It is estimated that in 2007, some fourteen million visitors attended Montgomery County parks. With a population of 931,000 that works out to be fifteen trips per man, woman and child. I know I have made up for at least twenty people who did not visit the parks over the past year.

Montgomery County has 33,121 acres set aside for parkland, 24,121 of those are set aside for environmental preservation. There are thirty five stream valley parks and 115.6 miles of natural

surface trails. Montgomery County maintains five equestrian centers and some great riding areas like Little Bennett, Rachael Carson Park, Agriculture Farm Park, Woodstock, Seneca Greenway and many more.

In total, Montgomery County maintains 401 parks ranging from neighborhood playground parks to large recreational complexes. Unfortunately it takes a lot of money to maintain such a park system. The Park Fund Operating Budget for 2007 is \$69.26 million. Capital Improvements for 2007-2012 is budgeted to be \$82.5 million for acquisition, and \$102.0 million for development. For more information visit www.montgomeryparks.org and search for Montgomery County Parks 2007 Facts.

Riders to the Rescue

Tomi` Finkle | Team Commander

The TROT Search and Rescue (TROTSAR) Mounted Team was called for two searches during the past month. One search was for a missing plane in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and the other search was for two missing teenagers in eastern West Virginia. The team recently conducted a horse and rider evaluation for new members or current member who have new horses, which resulted in 3 new horses to the teams mounted strength. The horse and rider evaluation was conducted in Charles County Maryland on October 6th, 2007.

The mounted team received (at no cost) one dozen VHF hand-held radios and battery chargers from the US Department of Homeland Security. The radios were re-programmed with interoperable search & rescue frequencies to communicate with government and non-government response and recovery organizations. Each of team's 17 members will be issued their own radio and battery charger.

Search team members Tomi` Finkle (Trot-2) and Valerie Vollmers (Trot-20) were presented with certificates of appreciation at an official awards ceremony conducted by the Montgomery County Maryland, Office of Homeland Security, for their assistance with the County's Community Emergency Response Team program. Each team member was also presented with a Montgomery County Homeland Security Coin as a keepsake.

Search team member Tara Winder (Trot-30) will be out of service due to military deployment in central Iraq. Tara is deployed with her US Air Force Unit and is expected to return in the summer of 2008. Please keep her your thoughts and prayers.

The TROTSAR Mounted Team is on call 24/7 and ready to assist government agencies with the search of lost and missing persons. More information about the TROTSAR Mounted Team can be found online at www.trotsar.org or by emailing officers@trotsar.org.

TROT Treasurer's Report

Kathy Dobson

June, July and August 2007

Expenses for June, July and August 2007:
\$2,024.88

Gasch Printing - August Issue: \$764.08
Gasch Printing - June Issue: \$699.52
Judged Pleasure Ride Expenses: \$178.98
M. Miller - Reimbursement for Conference:
\$150.00
MD Horse Council Dues: \$100.00
Verizon - 3 Months: \$67.09
2006 MD Sales Tax: \$55.15
Moe, A. - Reimbursement for TROT Ride food:
\$10.06

Income for June, July and August 2007:
\$4,849.73

Memberships: \$2,934.00
Judged Pleasure Ride: \$1,879.00
Interest from Time Deposit(Mapping Fund):
\$28.99
Interest from Savings: \$7.74
Bank Balances as of September 1, 2007:
Checking Acct: \$2,670.99
Savings Acct: \$13,405.54
Time Deposit: \$6,789.68

September 2007

September 2007 Expenses: \$963.67

Ryan Cleland - Newsletter design: \$530.00
M. Snyder - Reimburse for Trails Conference:
\$160.00
P. Huffman - Reimburse for Trails Conference:
\$150.00
Returned Check and fees: \$47.00
Howard Co. Fair Assn. - Deposit for Annual Din-
ner: \$30.00
P. Huffman - Reimburse for Party: \$25.00
Verizon Bill (TROT Info Line): \$21.67

September 2007 Income: \$1,473.65

Deposits (Memberships and Donations):
\$1,461.00
Interest on Time Deposit: \$9.69
Interest on Savings Acct.: \$2.96

Bank Balances as of October 1, 2007:

Checking Acct.: \$2,459.32
Savings Acct.: \$14,704.50
Time Deposit (Mapping Fund): \$6,807.69

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Patuxent River State Park TROT Ride



Crystal Anthony & Glow



Laurey Lobel's mount Ace



Cathy Diamond & Monty



Melissa Anthony & Speedy



Linda Polzin

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.

Patuxent State Park off Howard Chapel Road
Allison Abernathy 301-493-5590

Montgomery Agricultural Farm Park and Annapolis Rock
Deneen Martin 301-253-2955

Cactoctin Mountain Park and Little Bennett
Marilynn Miller 301-898-7274

Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD
Karen Kraushaar
kraushaar@verizon.net or 301-208-0767

Patuxent State Park, Rachel Carson and Rock Creek Park
Laury Lobel
laurylobel@verizon.net or 301-774-9595

Patapsco State Park off Marriotsville Road
Elizabeth Baran
She is available during the week and would love to show other TROT members the trails.
H: 410-442-5006 C: 410-245-8942

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

Nancy Osgood at nlogood@verizon.net

CLASSIFIED ADS

To place an ad

email: nlogood@verizon.net

- 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
- Regular (100 word) ad FREE for TROT Members!

For Sale – 2003 Sundowner Valulite BP/ DR/Ramp

Maintained regularly (wheels/electric/etc.) Window installed between horse area and DR for more air flow. Air Vents over each stall. Windows in front wall of DR also for better air flow. Insulated. Stays cool even in hot sun. Escape doors on each side. Loading lights, lights over each stall, lights in and out of DR. I pull with 1500 Dodge Ram easily. Great great trailer. **Price: \$11,500.** Email for more pics. gmemail@verizon.net or call my cell 301-775-0079. Gale Monahan

For sale Gaited Trail Horse.

PARK THAT ATV. Hit the trail with all-terrain gaited trail horse. 15.2, 15 y.o. bright bay with blaze & sock. Push-button gaited. Rock-hard feet. Easy keeper & great to live with, very laid back. Vet & farrier love him. Loads himself. UTD all shots, worming, etc Exp. rider. 301 829-0949

SPECIAL: for TROT members. **Great gift idea!**

SAVE OVER \$10 on book purchases! Price include shipping!

PA HORSE TRAIL & HORSE CAMPING GUIDE BOOKS by Carolyn B. Cook

> Ride Pennsylvania Horse Trails-Part I, the Eastern Half of PA (central PA to eastern PA): \$15 per book

> Ride Pennsylvania Horse Trails-Part II, the Western Half of PA (central PA to western PA): \$15 per book

Specify Part I, or Part II, or set (\$30), and send check to: Hit The Trail Publications, LLC, P.O. Box 970, Cherryville, PA 18035.

For Sale: BLM CON BRIO. Handsome, sweet, 3 ½ year old gelding, 14.1 hands, warm-blood cross. Competed BN, 5th at first event. Potential BN, N, & T-level top winner. Great gaits, dressage talent, excellent jumper. Hunted in 3rd (walking) field with MHC, low over fences at MD hunter paces, loves trail riding. Loads, clips, ties, no shoes, easy keeper. Wears a miracle collar. Has had perfect care since 4 months old. To horse-lover with turn out only. \$4,000 (443) 871-9224 or Diane531@verizon.net

For Sale: BLM SILVER CHALLIS. Very flashy 3 ½ year old mare, 15.2 hands, black roan/grey, Appaloosa/mustang cross, brave, fabulous personality, green but unusually quiet, very good on trails, sound, barefoot, no vices, trailers/ties/stands, easy keeper. Named after her home town in Challis, Idaho, she has had had perfect care since she was 5 months old. \$2,500 to horse-lover home with turn out only. 443-871-9224 or Diane531@verizon.net

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!
Order TROTware for your favorite rider!

- ◇ T-shirts and crew sweatshirts are available with either of two front designs: Small logo on left shoulder or large logo centered on sunburst design.
- ◇ Jackets, NEW WINDSHIRTS, and hooded sweatshirts are available with either the small logo on left shoulder only or with the logo on left front shoulder and the larger logo in sunburst on back.
- ◇ The NEW POLO SHIRTS are available with small logo on left shoulder only.
- ◇ Black logos on yellow garments; yellow logos on black garments. Not all designs are available in all sizes.
- ◇ Prices include postage and tax.

	Childs	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Yellow Short Sleeve T-Shirts \$15						
Logo (front shoulder)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunburst (front center)		—	—	—	—	—
Black Short Sleeve T-Shirts \$15						
Logo (front shoulder)		—	—	—	—	—
Sunburst (front center)		—	—	—	—	—
Gold Polo Shirt (NEW ITEM) \$20						
Logo (front shoulder)		—	—	—	—	
Black Polo Shirt (NEW ITEM) \$20						
Logo (front shoulder)		—	—	—	—	
Black Long Sleeve T-Shirt \$15						
Logo (front shoulder)		—	—	—	—	
Sunburst (front center)		—	—	—	—	—
Black Crew Neck Sweatshirt \$21						
Logo (front shoulder)		—	—	—	—	
Sunburst (front center)		—	—	—	—	—
Black Hooded Zipper Front Sweatshirt \$28						
Logo (front shoulder)			—	—	—	—
Logo (front shoulder) & Sunburst (back)			—	—	—	—
Black Snap-Front Jackets \$35						
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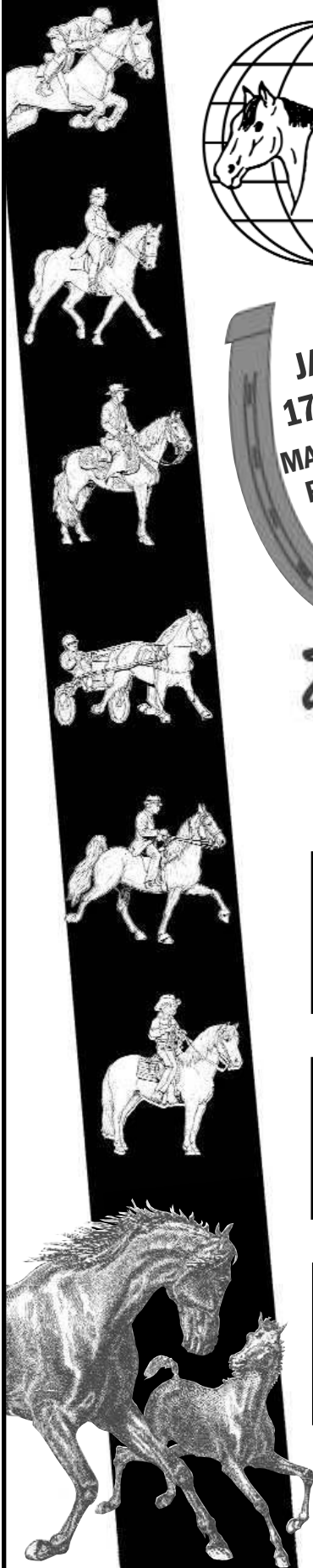
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_____ New Membership

_____ Membership Renewal for Year 2008

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Name of Applicant _____

Spouse / Sig. Other _____ Other Family _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Ride In _____

Home Phone _____

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Annual membership rates for January 1 – December 31:

- One year single or family membership \$20.00 per year
- Contributing member \$30.00 per year
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Please make checks payable to Trail Riders of Today and send this form and your check to:

Jeanne Bond, TROT Membership Chair

494 Christopher Road, Warwick, MD 21912

Phone: 410-275-1858 (home) 301-520-5350 (cell)

Email: TrotMembership@hotmail.com

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.

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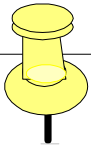
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- Public Hearings
- Fund Raising
- SAR
- Meetings
- County Coordinator
- Booth / Shows
- Trail Clearing
- Photography
- Directory
- Trail Mapping
- Website
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- Ride Leader
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- Judged Pleasure Ride

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The above contact information will be included in the next printed copy of the TROT membership directory. Please do not list information you do not want printed in the directory.

TRAIL RIDERS OF TODAY
Jeanne Bond, TROT Membership Chair
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The Back Page

- from the Newsletter Staff

We have some IMPORTANT reminders for all TROT Members!

- First – don't forget to renew your TROT Membership. Our message and mission - preserving bridle trails - gains momentum and volume with each member. When we all speak with one voice we can truly make a difference.

- Second – Be sure to SAVE THE DATE! Our annual TROT Meeting – Potluck and Silent Auction – is Saturday, February 23, 2008, at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Start thinking now about items you might be willing to donate to the silent auction – it is all a lot of fun – and the proceeds go to a great cause – TROT!

- Third – The Horse World Expo is in town January 17-20. See the full page ad inside. Visit the TROT Booth – we will be there representing YOU – and spreading the word about preserving trails.