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Who's Who in TROT - Trail Ride Coordinators

Terry Ledley is one of the founding members of TROT; and was, for more than 10 years, the organizer and coordinator of the then weekly TROT trail rides. Terry has always hosted and led a yearly TROT ride on the WSSC Rocky Gorge Reservoir. For thirty years she has been active in trail blazing and clearing these trails, and the WSSC has named them the Terry Ledley Equestrian Trail.

Terry's love of horses began at about age two when a mounted New York City policeman at Rockaway Beach lifted her up to the saddle in front of him and pranced up and down the boardwalk with the thrilled toddler. For years horses existed only in books and movies and pictures taped on walls, since life was preoccupied with piano and concertising. But one day when a counselor in camp, there was a need for an "experienced" rider to chaperone an extra-curricular activity to a riding stable. Defining "experience" simply as having read hundreds of cowboy Westerns and horse novels, Terry lied and wrangled the spot, ending up on a just off the track thoroughbred, and got run away with for miles of galloping along a country road.

When Terry and Bob married, Terry switched from music, got a masters in Math, taught at Queens College, and was a programmer on

the very first digital computer at the National Bureau of Standards. Horses remained a dormant longing for many years and it wasn't till the younger of her two sons went off to college that Terry decided it was her turn to make a dream a reality. With her wonderful precious Arabian, Billy, Terry compulsively rode almost every day, went on every TROT and Central Maryland Saddle Club ride, and rode frequently with the League of Maryland Horsemen. Terry become familiar with trails throughout the area with Pat Oliva, Sandy Lewis, and Carol Petree; and for many years



Terry and Mary Prowell rode as many trails in the surrounding parks, stream valleys and mountains as they could. Silver and Snuffy succeeded Billy and rides were usually accompanied by an assortment of Mary's Aussies and Terry's

Border Collies. The Border Collies were a real trail work crew, moving branches along the trail and picking up trash.

Terry was in the first training class for the Montgomery County Park Police Mounted Volunteer Patrol and worked with this group for many years as well as volunteering for a Mounted Patrol in Greenbelt National Park. Terry jokes that she was a pianist for her mother, a mathematician for her husband, and an equestrian for "ME".

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Dear TROT member,

We're sending an early reminder this year for TROT's annual membership renewal!

At the request of many members, we are sending out a renewal reminder letter again this year. In the past, we relied on notices in our newsletter and on the web site to remind members that it was time for annual dues. BUT.....

With so many trails in our beautiful state and surrounding areas in danger, having a strong membership base is more critical than ever. Development continues to encroach on established trails that have been open to riders for years. To continue to enjoy the level of credibility that we have with local and state officials, and to speak with a unified, strong voice, we need to truly represent trail riders everywhere.

For you, this means letting your riding partners know about TROT, and encouraging past members to rejoin. Remember to mention the benefits of belonging to our unique equestrian organization:

- Organized rides
- Newsletter
- Discounts at some local tack stores
- Annual dinner
- GPS mapping
- Member directory
- Search and Rescue
- Partner with other conservation groups (M.O.R.E., MHC Trails & Greenways Committee, Equestrian Partners in Conservation, Carroll Co. Equestrian Council)
- Volunteer coordination
- Website
- Work with County and State officials for trail planning
- Membership meetings
- Organized trail clearings

We will be printing the next edition of our membership directory in the Spring of 2007. Please see the enclosed membership form to indicate how you would like to be listed in our directory.

Thank you for your past support of Trail Riders of Today – and PLEASE SEND YOUR RENEWAL NOW FOR 2007!

The TROT Board



Annual Membership Application

_____ New Membership _____ Membership Renewal for Year 200_____

Name of applicant _____

Spouse/Sig. Other _____ Other Family _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Ride In _____

Home Phone _____

Work/Alt Phone _____ E-mail _____

Annual membership rates for January 1 – December 31:

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One year single or family membership | \$20.00 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing member | \$30.00 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining member | \$50.00 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional contributions | \$ _____ |

Please make checks payable to Trail Riders of Today, and send this form and your check to:

Melinda Bennett, TROT Membership Chair
2259 Ridge Rd., Westminster, MD 21157
Phone: 410-875-0481 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.

VOLUNTEER

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please check any areas where you would be willing to assist.

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearings	<input type="checkbox"/> County Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Directory	<input type="checkbox"/> Ride Leader
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raise	<input type="checkbox"/> Booth/Shows	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Mapping	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/> SAR	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Clearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Judged Pleasure Ride
<input type="checkbox"/> Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography		

DIRECTORY

- ☐ Please check here if you do NOT want your contact information listed in our membership directory (default is as above).
- ☐ OR, if you wish to be listed, but only want partial information included please indicate what info. can be printed in the membership directory.

☐ Name ☐ Full Address ☐ Home Phone ☐ Email

If neither box is checked, the information filled out at the top of the form will be printed in the directory.

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Mary Prowell has been living here in Maryland since 1975. She's been riding horses since she was 8 or 9. Mary started riding in the Mojave desert as a military brat at 29 Palms California. Then her family moved around and finally back to Texas where she had her own horses and then off to college where she played Polo, poorly she added with something like a -10 handicap if that exists, so she could keep a horse or two at the Polo club grounds. Once in Maryland she field hunted one year (not for her) and tried showing Hunters for a while at local shows. Mary finally become interested in Competitive Trail Riding and dabbled in that



for many years before doing some endurance. Lately she decided she'd rather just do some trail riding with friends and enjoy taking in the birds and wildlife and plants in our beautiful woodlands. Mary rode for many years with Terry Ledley just about every Monday, their goal was to ride in every local Maryland Park with equestrian trails that they could find. They also planned to ride the entire length of the C&O Canal in stages (they only made it as far as Antietam) and did some rides farther afield in the Shenandoahs. Mary has a pretty good idea of the major trail systems in a lot of parks so try and ride different places when she has time.



Anne Moe fell in love with horses at her aunt's farm when she was just a little girl, and she has never gotten over it! Her dad bought her first pony when she was ten years old. The pony was totally blind, and her best friend, because he trusted her and would do almost anything a sighted horse would do. Many horses and ponies have passed through her hands since then, bought and sold, taken in for green-breaking, raised by her and shown, ridden as trail horses and foxhunters. She bred a mare, had to a Connemara pony stallion in the 1960s and has been in love with the breed ever since. Anne currently owns her "keeper" Connemara who is 11, a two-year-old who will be sold this year, and a yearling who will stay with her until he also is two years old and backed. Anne lives in the middle of the Patapsco State Park and all its wonderful trails. She joined TROT on the day the Brown Bridge-to-Mink Hollow Trail was opened (1981?) and has been a member ever since.



Laury Lobel is a native of Washington, D.C.. She grew up adjacent to Rock Creek Park, and started riding there with her Dad when she was 5 years old. In the 50's and 60's, you could ride from Meadowbrook all the way past the Zoo to what is now the Watergate Hotel. Laury currently lives in Ashton, Md with her husband. They have one son that lives in Las Vegas. Laury boards her Quarter Horse, Ace, in Sunshine on Howard Chapel Road at a private farm adjoining the Patuxent State Park. Laury rides with TROT and the Central Maryland Saddle Club. Her other interests are skiing in winter and golf.



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Karen Kraushaar has ridden all her life and has been a TROT member for more than 10 years. She has studied dressage seriously for the past 6 years, but now due to chronic back problems has switched to Paso Finos, which she shows on the Florida circuit (Her 3-year-old stallion colt is currently ranked 2nd in the country!). When not in the saddle, she serves her country as a senior communications specialist for the Taxpayer Advocate Service at the IRS. (Got a tax problem you can't get resolved through normal IRS channels? See Karen!) She shares her life in Darnestown, MD. with Kevin, her husband for the past 20 years, and an assortment of horses and golden retrievers. She is also on the board of Friends of Woodstock, a new group formed to oversee the development and stewardship of Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, Maryland.

May 2006 TROT Treasurer's Report

May 2006 Expenses: \$1,598.07
Liability Insurance: \$1,478.00
Donation for Morgan Run portapot: \$100.00
Verizon (TROT Information Line): \$20.07

May 2006 Income: \$400.14
Memberships: \$247.00
Trailer Clinic: \$60.00
Charitable Donations: \$50.00
Newsletter Ads: \$27.00
Interest from Time Deposit: \$12.88
Interest from Savings: \$3.26

Bank Balances as of June 1, 2006:

Checking Acct.: \$1,316.73
Savings Acct: \$11,691.58
Time deposit (Mapping Fund): \$6,612.61

Gross Receipts from the Judged Pleasure Ride held on June 3, 2006 were \$2,348.00.

June 2006 TROT Treasurer's Report

June 2006 Expenses: \$92.86
Returned JPR checks and service charges: \$73.00
Verizon (TROT Information Line) \$19.86
JPR Expenses not yet Available

June 2006 Income: \$2,364.70
Judged Pleasure Ride Entry Fees: \$2,348.00
Interest from Time Deposit: \$13.44
Interest from Savings: \$3.26

Bank Balances as of July 1, 2006:

Checking Acct: \$1,994.73
Savings Acct: \$13,707.84
Time Deposit (Mapping fund): \$6,626.05

July 2006 TROT Treasurer's Report

July 2006 Expenses: \$214.91
May 2006 TROT Newsletter: \$203.68
Verizon (TROT Information Line): \$11.23

July 2006 Income: \$307.24
Memberships: \$290.00
Interest from Time Deposit: \$13.47
Interest from Savings: \$3.77

Bank Balances as of August 1, 2006:

Checking Acct: \$759.96
Savings Acct: \$15,001.61
Time Deposit (Mapping Fund): \$6,639.52

August 2006 TROT Treasurer's Report

August 2006 Expenses: \$19.12
Verizon (TROT Information Line): \$19.12

August 2006 Income: \$273.31
Memberships: \$125.00
Newsletter Ads: \$70.00
2007 Directory Ad: \$40.00
Trailer Clinic: \$20.00
Interest from Time Deposit: \$13.49
Interest from Savings: \$3.82

Bank Balances as of September 1, 2006:

Checking Acct: \$740.84
Savings Acct: \$15,260.43
Time Deposit (Mapping Fund): \$6,653.01

2006 TROT JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE

Marilyn Miller

Since I have been manager of the TROT Judged Pleasure Ride we have had to cancel four times due to wet weather. I did not get much sleep June 2nd listening for storms that never came. Saturday dawned cloudy and windy but cleared to a beautiful cool day.



Eighty horses and riders enjoyed the trail at the Montgomery Agricultural History Farm Park. With twelve obstacles and a large number of entries the awards were presented around 5 pm. If you had to leave early and have not received our ribbon, please contact me at marilynmliller@adelphis.net or 301-898-7274 after August 1st.

Thank you, thank you to all the volunteers who make this sport possible:

Deneen Martin talked me into the location change and introduced many TROT members to the Park. She also mowed part of the trail with her home mower. Priscilla Huffman manned the computer all day with the help of



Janet Dracek. Anne Bennof and Bonnie Staughton worked the registration table and parking was under the control of Brenda Senseney, Stephen and Erin Gunnulfen. Our all important judges were Pat Merson, Judy Brodbeck, Susan Hunt, Pat Talbott, Michelle Beachley, Leslie Donovan, Kathy Dobson, Pat Olivia, Sandy Boyd, Susan Gray, Carolyn

Rhodes, Kyle Jossie and Darleen Donaldson.

Jo Ann Kricker donated the Oldest Horse award.

Thanks to all who helped make it a very successful ride.

Click on the following links to view additional photos of the Judged Pleasure Ride.

[TROT Judged Pleasure Ride pics 1](#)

[TROT Judged Pleasure Ride pics 2](#)

[TROT Judged Pleasure Ride pics 3](#)

[TROT Judged Pleasure Ride pics 4](#)

Union Mills Ride - June 17th

Helen Thomas and Curt Meadows led a ride at Union Mills on June 17th. It was attended by Alyce Soffer, Mona Brinegan, Heather Hoff, Barry Morfoot, Monika Munn.



[Union Mills Ride pics click here](#)

2006 Judged Pleasure Ride Results

Quarter Horse

	Rider #	Rider Name
1	104	Polly Darr
2	124	Peggy Hunt
3	149	Marjorie Lewis
4	131	Brittany Donaldson
5	172	Karen Hansrote
6	177	Raina Ford

Arabian

	Rider #	Rider Name
1	174	Barbara Faulkner
2	152	Ann Pomeroy
3	148	Sharon Cappeluti
4	130	Jennifer Huth
5	161	Rosemary Marton
6	171	Maureen Keenan

Thoroughbreds, Apps, other

	Rider #	Rider name
1	173	JoAnn Kricker
2	125	Doris Rinehart
3	143	Kevin Yungk
4	109	Naomi Manders
5	176	Carl Ford
6	121	Susan Estes

Ponies of all breeds

	Rider #	Rider Name
1	157	Briana N. Wroten
2	170	Jackie Edens
3	167	Terri McNutt
4	141	Katie Kelley

Gaited breeds

	Rider #	Rider Name
1	105	Liuda Galinaitis
2	144	Jane Palmer
3	179	Cindy Sooy
4	145	Susan Hartman
5	159	Melody Jamies
6	146	Beth Giorgiana

Grade (unregistered)

	Rider #	Rider Name
1	142	Amy Grimm
2	140	Maryann Kelley
3	128	Hamilton Saxon
4	158	Lydia Creighton
5	155	Casey Berman

Novice Horse

	Rider #	Rider Name
1	166	Kathy Plummer
2	178	Lynn Fields
3	180	Karen Medeiros
4	103	Nancy Kassner
5	139	Henry Heymering
6	106	Barbara A. Conner

Junior Rider

	Rider #	Rider Name
1	131	Brittany Donaldson
2	177	Raina Ford
3	130	Jennifer Hulh
4	157	Briana N. Wroten
5	175	Nikki Pafford
6	163	Elizabeth Polzin

Novice Rider

	Rider #	Rider Name
1	104	Polly Darr
2	178	Lynn Fields
3	152	Ann Pomeroy
4	125	Doris Rinehart
5	159	Melody Jamieson
6	103	Nancy Kassner

Open (adults)

	Rider #	Rider Name
1	173	JoAnn Kricker
2	142	Amy Grimm
3	174	Barbara Faulkner
4	124	Peggy Hunt
5	149	Marjorie Lewis
6	166	Kathy Plummer

Reserve Champion

142 Amy Grimm 109

Champion

173 JoAnn Kricker 110

TROT Spring Trailer Clinic

Again this year, TROT sponsored a Trailer Clinic, hosted by Jim Brainard of J. B. Consulting and Training. The clinic was held on May 21, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Carroll County Community College in Westminster, Maryland.

Jim is a TROT member who has developed a specialty of in the area of training, lessons, and consulting for trailer hookup, backing and loading. His clinic was packed with useful information and ideas both for the novice tower and for those who are more experienced. Four TROT members participated in the clinic.

There was some real preparation on Jim's part to get ready for the trailer clinic. He had set up lanes with orange cones to mark off individual spaces for practice. Starting with guiding participants on how to back up into a marked parking space, Jim then gave tips on making a 45° turn, and eventually had everyone try backing into a tight space and a space with a wider curve.

In addition to tips on how to back up your trailer, Jim also covered lots of useful information on trailer safety, and had excellent handouts on items anyone trailering a horse should always carry. Included in his handouts was an emergency first aid kit recommended by James Hamilton, DVM. Another handout, put together by Equispirit Trailer Company, includes a list of important items to carry on a trailer, and extra items that you might want to have available in winter.

Always thoughtful of his guests, Jim provided a cooler of ice cold drinks which were much appreciated.

Jim also works with individuals, and does trailer/truck evaluations. If you are interested in having him work with you one-on-one, or evaluate your rig, give him a call at 410-978-2150.

TROT plans to make our trailer clinic an annual event, so be looking for an announcement next winter/spring of our 2007 trailer clinic date and plan to attend.



Looking for a good book on trailering?

The Complete Guide to Buying, Maintaining and Servicing a Horse Trailer

by Neva and Tom Scheve
(recommended by Jim Brainard)

From their web site: <http://www.equispirit.com/info/horsebook.htm#review>

This authoritative horse book, with more than 175 illustrations, addresses a number of

important topics, including how to:

- Determine whether to buy a new or used horse trailer.
- Ask the right questions of the dealer or owner.
- Weigh the options and select the best model for your needs.
- Evaluate tow vehicles and hitches.
- Master pre-trip preparations.
- Care for your current trailer.
- Load, drive, and use a trailer safely.
- Deal with typical exterior, interior, electrical and mechanical problems.
- Assess the work of repairmen if the job is more than you can handle.

In all, the Scheves have given horse owners everything they need to make an informed purchasing decision that will benefit themselves and their horses.

Neva Kittrell Scheve is also author of the popular book, ***Hawkins Guide: Horse Trailering on the Road*** and co-author of ***Hawkins Guide: Equine Emergencies on the Road***. She travels nationwide to give seminars on all aspects of horse trailers. With her husband, Thomas G. Scheve, she has developed numerous lines of horse trailers, including their own EquiSpirit models.

FROM THE TRAIL RIDE COORDINATOR

Helen Thomas and Curt Meadows led a ride at Union Mills on June 17th. It was attended by Alyce Soffer, Mona Brinegan, Heather Hoff, Barry Morfoot, and Monika Munn. (see page 6)

On June 17th, several Trot members (Naomi Manders, Deneen Martin, Pat Talbott, Mike Gafney, and Kyle Jossi) participated in a ride sponsored by EPIC (Equestrian Partners in Conservation) at the Woodstock Equestrian Park. (see page 10) The day was very hot, but Dave Tobin was a gracious host and Woodstock has wonderful trails and lots of parking. I highly recommend you contact Karen Krushaar for a personally guided ride (see **Trail Guides** below). You'll be seeing lots more about EPIC in the Trot newsletter because their mission is so much a part of what Trot is all about – preserving land and trails in Montgomery County. For more information, check out their web site at www.epicmontgomery.org.

If you have participated in a Trot ride this year, you may have noticed Linda Davis photographing the riders and horses. Her photos can be viewed online soon after the ride. I was truly amazed when I got the May newsletter via email with links to photos that were taken at the Olney Days Parade and TROT rides. Linda has truly done an amazing job and deserves to be recognized for her hard work and extensive computer talent. Thank you, Linda!

Upcoming Rides:

Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on the ride and for information about time and parking. All ride participants must be TROT members, membership forms will be available at the ride for non-members. The start time and meeting location of rides are specifically not listed. Please call the ride leader for this information. Riders must present negative Coggins. For general questions about Trot Trail Rides, contact Kyle Jossi, Ride Coordinator at 301-570-3860

Tuesday, October 3. TROT Meeting at Woodlawn in Sandy Spring, MD. 7PM Speaker Dave Tobin of Equestrian Partners in Conservation will update us on his group's activities. Contact Deneen Martin 301-898-3251 for information and directions. Please join us.

Saturday, October 28rd. Introduction to Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD. Led by Karen Kraushaar. Mostly walking with the possibility of a faster group and short canter. Contact Karen at kraushaar@verizon.net or 301-208-0767.

Saturday, November 11th. College Park to Ft. Lincoln. Led by John Angevine. 301-937-0014. Please join us for the annual TROT trail ride along the Anacostia River. This is definitely one of the more unusual and enjoyable rides that TROT sponsors. The local residents are always thrilled to see horses, and you will be amazed at how beautiful the river looks from horseback. Some paved trails. The ride pace will be a walk and our destination point is a lovely park

As you may have noticed, our trail ride schedule is pretty light. I am still looking for ride leaders for scheduled TROT rides, anytime in October. You can design your ride however you want – fast, slow, with or without food. It's a great opportunity to meet other TROT members and network with other riders. If you don't volunteer, there will be no TROT rides. I can be reached at 301-570-3860 or bossyjossi@netscape.com if you would like to set up a ride.

Trail Guides:

The following volunteers are willing to show TROT members their favorite trails on an individual basis. We've added 3 new leaders since the last newsletter. Contact them to arrange a personal guided trial ride!

Patauxant State Park Allison Abernathy 703-603-0052

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

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

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

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

EPIC Ride July 18

The EPIC Ride held Sunday, June 18 was well attended by representatives of several equestrian organizations. A light tailgate afterwards was provided by David Tobin (President of EPIC) and his new bride, Maria.

An informal discussion highlighted the importance of UNITING all equestrian organizations and businesses under the “umbrella” of EPIC to build a strong voice to speak to the issues facing Montgomery County’s Agricultural Reserve. Some of the organizations represented at this ride were Potomac Hunt, Trail Riders of Today (TROT) Potomac Bridle & Hiking Trails Association (PBHTA) and Friends of Woodstock. Each of these organizations provide support for some aspect of equestrian activity but there is still little communication between them especially in the area of political awareness.

Much is going on concerning the welfare of our 97,000 acre Agricultural Reserve and certain decisions threaten the economic base of this farming community which is increasingly comprised of horse farms and hay farming. Folks come to these guided rides mostly to enjoy the trail experience and we are all grateful to have Woodstock Equestrian Park. However, development in the AG Reserve (and elsewhere in the County) threatens to leave us with isolated pockets of equestrian activity cut off by roads and developments where riders are confined to indoor arenas. Similarly, our capacity to build and maintain an interconnected network of trails depends on advocacy, planning, and the sort of leadership that EPIC promises to provide. We need to UNITE so as to speak with one strong voice on the political scene in order to guide our County’s adherence to the original plan for the Ag Reserve which was to preserve our farmlands and maintain Open Space.

If all of the individual “clubs” would support EPIC by AFFILIATING with the organization we equestrians could truly be effective. Affiliation would allow each “club” to pursue its own goals under the EPIC umbrella. To this end PBHTA has taken the lead by affiliating with EPIC and offering its funding and expertise in trail construction and management to EPIC. As of last week the entire trail corridor north and south of Sugarland Rd. has been mowed and cleared. Reconstruction of a dangerous section of trail will be tackled this summer. Signage will be provided in cooperation with private landowners. This is EPIC’s model program for Trail Maintenance

Anyone interested in learning more about the EPIC movement should contact their website at www.epicmontgomery.org or contact David Tobin directly at davidtobin@starpower.net.

Submitted by Naomi Manders nmanders@aol.com Happy trails!

Catoctin Park

One of the few designated horse trails in Frederick County is in Catoctin Mountain Park. The Park is administered by the National Park Service and is a National Capitol Regional Park and not a National Park. Camp David is located there so it gets a lot of press. There is a horse trailer parking area on Park Central Road opposite Camp Greentop. Six to eight rigs can fit in a round circular gravel drive. The horse trail begins there and crosses two mountains with crossings at Owens Creek. The long loop includes a significant climb, which is being improved with several switchbacks. (I started working for this in 1974 and lived to see it almost done!) Although the trail is only six miles, trust me it takes about 2 hours and is wooded. Signing needs improvement so if you end up in a picnic area you missed a turn.

To get to the trailer parking area go west from Thurmont on Route 77 past the visitor center to the mountaintop. Turn right on Foxville-Deerfield Road, right on Manahan Road, right on Park Central Rd. to the parking area on the left. Yes Park Central Road starts at the Visitor Center but you don’t even want to haul horses up that part of Park Central. The horse trail is open from April 15 to December 1st.

The visitor center phone number is 301-663-9388. Part Central is closed from Visitor Center to Camp Greentop when Camp David is in use by the president. For more information or to set up a guided trail ride call Marilyn Miller at 301-898-7274 or email MarilynMiller@adelphia.net (map of Catoctin Park on page 11)



Maryland State Report

Peggy Bree

Co-chair Trails and Greenways Committee
Maryland Horse Council

To preserve our equestrian trails, the Maryland Horse Council's Trails and Greenways committee set goals for 2006 to establish and strengthen working relationships with trail riding clubs.

Here's what we've accomplished so far:

- 1) Club officers and newsletter editors throughout the state have been encouraged to join our **"MHC Trails and Greenways"** Yahoo group. This enabled trail activists to begin to exchange success stories and discuss problems and ideas. It has also become a great source of information and articles that are republished in club newsletters.
- 2) Almost 200 individuals trail riders have joined **"Maryland Trail Riders"** on-line. This yahoo group enables people to find a trail riding buddy, learn about new places to ride, and share a trailer. Participants are encouraged to limit their messages to topics related to trail riding.
- 3) Equestrian Centers and Clubs now use **"Maryland Trail Riders"** on-line to promote attendance at trail rides, clinics, and public events. This gives individuals an opportunity to learn about clubs and encourages membership.
- 4) In January, the University of Maryland sponsored a seminar on **"Sustainable Trails"** presented by Mike Riter at the Maryland Horse Expo. More than 75 equestrians were introduced to the trail design and construction techniques promoted by IMBA, and many have pursued additional education at IMBA seminars this summer.
- 5) In April, over 100 equestrians attended our first annual **"Networking Meeting"** at the League of Maryland Horsemen. The meeting kicked off with a demonstration of equestrian camping. Then officers of the eight largest trail riding clubs in Maryland gave presentations on their clubs and invited attendees to join them. At the conclusion of the meeting, the room buzzed for the next hour with people making new friends, joining trail riding clubs, and making trail riding plans.
- 6) The League hosted an **"Invitational Weekend"** for members of other trail riding clubs in Maryland and Pennsylvania. Many old acquaintances were renewed and new friends were made during this weekend of trail riding and camaraderie, which included a rainy night in the clubhouse playing games and munching popcorn.

What's Already in the Works for 2007?

- 1) We'll publish a **"Guide to Maryland's Equestrian Trails"** that will document our trail systems, publicize our trail riding clubs, and educate trail riders through stories about trail creation and maintenance.
- 2) Another networking meeting to promote club membership, and two **"Invitational"** weekends – one on the Eastern Shore at Tuckahoe State Park and another at the League of Maryland Horsemen.

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Invite you & your Organization to
Join us AT
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On Oct. 11, 2006
7:00 P:M

Your organization is invited to attend the third meeting of the MHC-T&G, hosted by SMTR. Our speakers will include, Linda Kelly from Calvert Co. and she will present to us a brand new horse facility that is in the making called Kings Landing. Also speaking will be one of the Veterinarians from SMEVS on preventing Equine Communicable Disease. We would also like to discuss keeping the trails open in Southern Maryland, and the opening of a brand new Park in Charles Co. designed for trail riding. There will be time for socializing, and please bring your organizations information and membership forms. This meeting is open to all equestrian organizations, and 4-H clubs, please plan on attending.

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Dogs and horses can live together in harmony. You must take precautions if you have both a horse and a dog and know that they will interact. As with any relationship, the introduction period is the most important, as it will set the pattern for their long-term relationship. A good introduction, especially when both are young, can help ensure a peaceful co-existence.

The Introduction

Introduce the pets to one another in a controlled environment where you can monitor their behaviors. The dog must be on a short leash. At first, simply allow the pets to see each other and save the up-close and personal meeting for another time. Keep distance or a barrier of some sort (such as a fence) between the two animals.

If you want your dog and horse to be friends, make sure your dog is completely under your control. For information on dog obedience and dog training, a well-written book or video on the subject is a great investment.

The key is to teach them mutual respect; otherwise both of your pets could be seriously injured. They learn respect by not being allowed to abuse or harass one another.

NEVER:

- let your dog tease a horse. Barking, chasing and biting are all teasing behaviors that should be stopped immediately.
- permit your dog to run up behind a horse.
- allow your dog to chase a horse.
- let your dog bark in close proximity to a horse.

ALWAYS:

- monitor the relationship. Some dogs may never learn how to respect a horse, and some horses may never accept a dog.
- remember that even if your horse accepts dogs, other people's horses may not.
- be aware that your dog may respect your horse, but he/she may not respect other horses.

Owning both a horse and a dog can be a rewarding experience. Dogs and horses often work together in hunting, trail rides and herding cattle. If you take the proper precautions, they could become good friends.

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Dec. 11 - Dec. 15
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Jan. 8 - Jan. 31

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Dates

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