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A MEMORABLE FAREWELL TO SUMMER!

by Nancy Osgood

Little Bennett Park was the beautiful setting for the end-of-summer ride on Labor Day weekend, and plenty of folks came to celebrate the occasion. Maybe it was the great setting, maybe it was the fabulous weather (cool and sunny), maybe it was the fine fellowship (20 riders participating), or just maybe it was the plentiful food that followed the ride (homemade BBQ and an array of wonderful side dishes). But we all agreed it was a great event – all because of the efforts of our leaders Jim and Maureen Henry. They



provided the BBQ – but lots more – they brought tables, coolers, drinks, etc. and had everything beautifully organized. And they brought their horses (an amazing Icey and a beautiful Connemara) and led us through the scenic and well-maintained trails that are Little Bennett. Marilyn Miller also took leadership of the fast group. Maureen offered to make it an annual TROT tradition – and everyone heartily agreed that it was a great idea!

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OTHER RIDE REPORTS:

by Kyle Jossi

Catoctin Mountain Park. June 16th. Marilyn Miller had barely had time to recover from organizing the highly successful Judge Pleasure Ride when she took to the trails to lead this ride. The temperatures are noticeably cooler in the mountains and the weather was beautiful. The group enjoyed a picnic lunch together afterwards.



Above: "Priscilla and her trusty TB/HQ cross, Mickey"

Cover: "Gathering for food after the Little Bennett ride"

The League of Maryland Horseman/Patapsco as told by Snuffy. (August 5th) As many of you may know, I have fully recuperated from my colic surgery and am very happy to be back on the trails with my owner, Terry Ledley. The ride was attended by Debbie Bauer, and of course Anne Moe. I got to lead some of the time because I am not only handsome but also well behaved. (Pretty is as pretty does!) We had perfect weather and the ride lasted about 3 ½ hours. The most exciting part was when a train got stuck on the tracks for a long time, blocking our way back to the trailers. Fortunately, Anne knew a place where the tracks went into a tunnel and we rode on top of the tunnel. Afterwards, the humans ate delicious sandwiches provided by Anne while we munched on grass

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After our hot and very dry summer, we are all welcoming cooler riding days ahead. For many trail riders, fall is the best riding time so we expect to see lots of TROT members out on our local trails.

Without the oversight of organizations like TROT in our various counties, many trails would have been lost to development over the years. Therefore, we are especially pleased to announce that Janet and Ron MacNab have volunteered to be our new Montgomery County coordinators. Ron and Janet are already actively involved in neighborhood community groups as well as a group focused on maintenance of the Northwest Branch trail. They also

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volunteer with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning on various trail maintenance projects.

We are grateful for the support of members like Janet and Ron, as well as our other county coordinators, newsletter and communications contributors, trail ride leaders, maintenance helpers, and so many others who contribute to TROT's success.

*Priscilla Huffman
TROT President*

UPCOMING RIDES:

Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on the ride and for information about start time and directions. All ride participants must be TROT members, however membership forms will be available at the ride for non-members. Negative coggins must be provided for each horse. Participants are asked to bring their own plates, utensils, and drinks to pot-lucks unless otherwise indicated. For any additional questions about TROT rides, please contact Kyle Jossi @ 301-570-3860 or bossyjossi@netscape.com.

Sunday, September 23rd. Antietam Battlefield. Led by Katrin Boniface. Slow paced ride along the battlefield, plenty of time to read the signs. See last TROT Newsletter issue for a complete description. Number of riders may be limited. Bring a picnic for after the ride. Contact Katrin Boniface (301) 223-6731 or kat@heritageharvest.com.

Saturday, October 6th. Upper Patauxent River State Park, near Damascus. Led by Suzanne Anderson and Bos. Ready to ride at 10AM. Suzanne is a member of TROT Search and Rescue and will share some of her adventures and experiences during the ride. The trails are hilly, but not too rocky. There will be river crossings, and depending on the rainfall, mud or dust. The ride will be 2 ½ to 3 hours, mostly walk and trot. Bring a sandwich for lunch after the ride and Suzanne will provide chips and soda. Bring water for your horses as there is no water at the trailer parking site. Contact Suzanne in the evenings at 301-829-3881 or email at trailsendfarm@verizon.net

Sunday, October 14th – Rosaryville State Park. (Located on Rt 301 – about 5 miles south of Upper Marlboro in PG County, MD.) Led by Jan Chrypinski. Ride will be about 1 ½ to 2 hours with a brisk pace – some cantering. There are hills and stream crossings. Jan will provide wine and cheese – other riders to bring snacks to share. There is a \$3.00 entry fee to the park. Contact Jan at Chrypinski@aol.com or 410-798-5224.

Saturday, October 27th – Manassas Park Battlefield. We've had lots of requests for a ride here, and Jan Solovey kindly answered my request for a leader. So we're in for a big treat especially since the trees should be just beautiful this time of year! The ride will begin at 11 AM, lasting 3-4 hours through the wide easy trails of the Manassas Battlefield. Because the trails are so nice, horses and riders should be prepared to trot and canter most of the ride. Participants must call or email Jan by October 17. There is a \$3 charge for visitor passes for each rider. Jan will provide a main dish for a picnic after the ride. Please bring a dish to share, your own beverage, eating utensils, and chair. Call Jan after 7am the day of the ride if the weather is questionable. Contact Jan at 301-371-0888 or soloveyj@medimmune.com.

Saturday, November 17th - Anacostia Park. Led by John Angevine, this Trot favorite ride traditionally closes out the ride season. Folks who have attended this ride say they are amazed and the spacious trails and beautiful scenes along the Anacostia River so close to downtown DC. The ride will encounter bikes, fishermen, some asphalt, as well as a scenic view of the historical Lincoln Cemetery. Contact John Angevine for additional details at 301-937-0014

TROT MOUNTED SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM “RIDERS TO THE RESCUE!”

Tomi` Finkle

The TROTSAR Mounted Team was recognized in the Laurel Leader Newspaper for their efforts to help find a 66 year old female who suffers from dementia. The Howard County resident had been missing since the previous day, after walking away from her home on Elsie's Way, according to Howard County police. As darkness closed in on the second day of the search for 66 year old subject ended when a K 9 search Team homed in on a pile of brush near a power line that runs behind Elsie's Way, in North Laurel.

The searchers included those from Maryland State Police, the Howard County police and fire departments, and several volunteer search teams, including a mounted rescue team called Trail Riders of Today (TROT) Search and Rescue, said Capt. Robert Wiseman of the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, who organized the search.

For more information about the TROTSAR Mounted Team contact Ms. Tomi` Finkle, the Team Commander at <Officers@trots.org>

Update from Howard County

By Pat Oliva

In July three park officials walked the Western Regional Park with me to see where I had designed and marked the multi-use unpaved trails that will be starting from the horse trailer parking area for horses and another parking lot for the other users. The park officials had only one concern on the layout and I am waiting for them to get back with me.

They also showed me some major changes in the park that were not there before. Now there are plans for a paved trail around the park with additional roads and a shelter. This is now been over 8 years. Patience is a word with a new meaning!

I did talk with Ms. Feldman about the appointment to the County Parks and Recreation Board. No interviews have been done for an appointment due in May but they are hoping to start them in September. Keep smiling-I am trying! (Thanks, Pat, we all appreciate your patient efforts!)

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Marita Teabo
Christina Aist.

Join the TROT on-line Yahoo Group!

- Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com>.
- Enter "TROT-Members" in the space labeled "to find the Yahoo Group".
- Then Click on "Join this Group" button! See you there!

Melinda Bennett, TROT Membership



TROT-SAR



FALL DEER HUNTING SEASON BEGINS SOON

All riders should be aware of the hunting seasons in their areas. Maryland State hunting dates for 2007-08 are listed below. For more detailed information, members are encouraged to check the Maryland State Department of Natural Resources website: <http://dnr.maryland.gov> - scroll down on the left to "Publications", under Wildlife and Heritage Publications," click on "Guide to Hunting & Trapping." There are two hunting regions, Region A (Garrett and Allegany counties) and Region B (all other counties). In most cases, the dates are nearly the same but the bag limits differ. Also, be sure to consult with individual counties, as they may have special requirements. Since most TROT members reside in Region B, the following dates were compiled for that region:

First day of bow season is September 15!

Bow season is September 15-October 17; October 22-November 23; December 10-14; December 31-January 3; and January 7-31.

First day of muzzleloader season is October 18!

Muzzleloader season is October 18-20, October 22-27; and December 15-29.

First day of firearms season is November 10 (junior hunt day), and the first day of regular firearms season is November 24!

Firearms season is November 24-December 8; and January 4-5.

Sunday Hunting. Sunday hunting is permitted only on certain days, and on private lands only, and not in all counties. For firearms, Sunday hunting is open on November 25 in most counties. Check the DNR website for more details.

Managed Hunts. The State and several counties have deer management programs that include managed hunts on public lands. State parks that have managed hunts include Fair Hill (Cecil County), Gunpowder Falls (Baltimore and Harford Counties), and Ft. Frederick (Washington County). Montgomery County has managed hunts in many county parks, as do other counties. The dates for managed hunts are not yet finalized, so be sure to check periodically. State and County Parks are closed during managed hunts, so please be sure to check the dates.

Mourning Dove Hunting Season dates are Sept. 1 - Oct. 13; Nov. 10 - Nov. 23; Dec. 22 - Jan. 3; with shooting hours from 12 Noon to Sunset during Sept. 1 - Oct. 13, and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset during other season segments.

Keep some simple safety tips in mind. Make sure to wear something fluorescent orange during the entire hunting season. There are vests, jackets, and helmet covers to choose from. It is remarkable how well these items can be seen from long distances. It is also a good idea to stay in open areas, where there is good visibility. And many riders sport a bell to let hunters know they are not a target! If you see hunters, be sure to let them know where you are riding – and remind them that other riders may be in the area.

LETTER TO ALL TROT MEMBERS FROM THE TRAIL VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR M-NCPPC - MONTGOMERY PARKS DEPARTMENT

Hello All,

After a lengthy spring and summer hiatus to launch the Volunteer Trail Ranger(tm) program, I'm finally ready to flex my atrophied trail muscles and get some work done out there! Who's with me? Whether you're a bike, hike or hooves type of person, there are trails near you that could use a hand, so I hope you can join me in building, maintaining and improving them on a weekend date soon.

Along with continuing to train long-term volunteers to become Trail Rangers, we've scheduled several maintenance project dates this fall including on National Public Lands Day, Sept. 29th, and will also resume work on the Muddy Branch Greenway Trail. As the location or details of some dates are still 'TBA' please check back to the trail volunteer page at www.montgomeryparks.org for updates.

Volunteer Trail Events Calendar

All our weekend trail projects have a minimum age of 14, and 14-17 year olds seeking SSL hours who cannot submit a volunteer application <http://www.mcparkandplanning.org/team/application.pdf> and parental release beforehand must be signed in by a parent at the start of the event. The minimum age for Volunteer Trail Rangers is 18; see the VTR website www.mc-mncppc.org/team/VPR.shtm for full details on this program.

Please let me know if you have particular interest in any of these dates, or would simply like more information.

Trail Maintenance Dates

The Montgomery County Park and Planning Commission has scheduled trail maintenance on the following equestrian trails:

Muddy Branch Greenway - Oct. 20 and Nov. 10

Rachael Carson Park - Sept. 29

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

Ben Sugar

Trail Volunteer Coordinator

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SOUTHEASTERN EQUESTRIAN TRAILS CONFERENCE

KNOXVILLE, TN JULY 19-21, 2007

by Pat Oliva

This year the conference theme was “Tomorrow’s Horse Trails Depend on YOU”

I went to the conference as TROT’s representative with Peggy Bree, who represented the Maryland Horse Council. It was a breath of fresh air and inspiration.

The first day was spent in the woods with Mike Riter, Trails Education Specialist. It was a refresher for me of the 4-day course I took with him two years ago. He talked about the causes of trail erosion and how to design trails to prevent natural and user wash-outs. We got a hands-on demonstration in using hand and power tools to clear trails.

The next two days were devoted to speakers talking to the large groups and smaller meeting on a varied of subjects. It started with Carol Grace Anderson. This gal made you laugh, cry, and then find extra drive inside yourself to try to make changes.

There were many sessions on such diverse subjects as: how horses affect the local economy; meeting environmental restrictions; dealing with weather and insects; and more.

One of the strengths of the meeting was the talks between National Park, Natural Forest, Federal highway, State Parks, State forest, and local and state equine organizations. We all exchanged concerns and ideas in a friendly atmosphere.

Tennessee has developed many miles of trails and horse camps in their parks and forests. They did this by local volunteers working with officials to make Tennessee a wonderful place to vacation with your horse.

Be sure to go to the website – www.southeasternequestriantrails.com.

TROT BOARD MEETINGS

Highlights from the meeting on July 10, 2007.

- County Coordinators provided reports (see update on Howard County).
- Newsletter will be sent out hard copy. (There have been many people who have not been getting the newsletter)
- Trail Ride updates were provided (see Upcoming Rides and Ride Reports).
- Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference – Pat Oliva will represent TROT (see her report).
- Fall hunting season – dates should be included in Newsletter (see article).
- Next board meeting is September 11, 2007.



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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!

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

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- Classified ads - \$6.00 for first 100 words
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- Insert (all copies delivered to our printer) - \$50
- Regular (100 word) ad FREE for TROT Members!

Horses for Sale: Pinto mare, 5, 15h, twh/ap-
pendix qh. Just started u/s, walks around just fine,
not enough time to keep working with her. Smart
and easy to work with, very cute. No vices, has
been bred once. So also her yearling son, also
pinto (both chestnut and white), his sire is TB/Old.
\$3500 for mare, \$1500 for yearling. 301 627-3918;
flyingchange@netzero.net

Horse for Sale: CHALLIS - Very flashy three
year old mare, 15.1 hands, dark bay roan turn-
ing grey, wonderful attitude, brave, naturally quiet
personality, green but very good on trails, 100%
sound, easy keeper (needs food limited), barefoot,
no vices, trailers/ties/stands. \$2,500. Purchased
from BLM as weanling, perfect care & handling. If
she continues to be handled with kindness – she
will be a top trail horse & quiet, solid citizen in any
job. I want to find a horse lover to buy her, ride
her regularly, give her lots of turn out, & keep her
forever. 443-871-9224 or Diane531@verizon.net

Everyone has read the following thoughts that touch our hearts. But did you ever read the horse's response?

Let Me Teach You

by Willis Lamm

*When you are tense, let me teach you to relax.
When you are short tempered, let me teach you to be patient.
When you are short sighted, let me teach you to see.
When you are quick to react, let me teach you to be thoughtful.
When you are angry, let me teach you to be serene.
When you feel superior, let me teach you to be respectful.
When you are self absorbed, let me teach you to think of greater things.
When you are arrogant, let me teach you humility.
When you are lonely, let me be your companion.
When you are tired, let me carry the load.
When you need to learn, let me teach you.
After all, I am your horse.*

AND NOW, THE REAL DEAL - FROM YOUR HORSE!

*When you are tense, let me teach you that there are lions in them thar woods and we need to leave. NOW!
When you are short tempered, let me teach you to slog around the pasture for an hour before you can catch me.
When you are short sighted, let me teach you to figure out where, exactly, in the 40 acres I am hiding.
When you are quick to react, let me teach you that herbivores kick much faster and harder than omnivores.
When you are angry, let me teach you how well I can stand on my hind feet because I don't feel like cantering on my right lead today.
When you are worried, let me entertain you with my mystery lameness.
When you feel superior, let me teach you that, mostly, you are the maid service.
When you are self absorbed, let me teach you to PAY ATTENTION. Remember? I told you about those lions in them thar woods?
When you are arrogant, let me teach you what 1200 lbs of "YAHOO LETS GO!" can do when suitable inspired.
When you are lonely, let me be your companion. Let's do lunch. Also, breakfast, snack and dinner.
When you are tired, don't forget the 600 lbs of grain that needs to be unloaded.
When you are feeling financially secure, let me teach you the meaning of "Veterinary Services."
When you want to learn, hang around, bud. I'll learn ya. AFTER ALL – YOU ARE MY PERSON!!!!
Sincerely, Your Horse.*

Many thanks to the Chesapeake Plantation Walking Horse Association for allowing us to "borrow" this from their newsletter.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ New Membership

☐ Membership renewal for 200 ____

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Spouse/Significant other or Family:

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Home Phone:

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Work Phone:

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

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

Melinda Bennett, TROT Membership Chair

2259 Ridge Road, 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.

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THE BACK PAGE

By the Newsletter Staff

To all TROT members:

Do you have some ideas for articles in the Newsletter? How about an interesting trail story (I remember one about some riders being attacked by an escaped emu!), a story about your horse, or some tips to other trail riders? Please feel free to submit to nlogood@verizon.net.

How about a list of things that a trail rider should carry
(additions and comments welcome!)

Cell phone, water bottle, hoof pick, several pieces of baling twine, bandanna, gloves, whistle, jackknife, clippers for trail maintenance, trail marking tape, small first aid kit (with bee sting treatment, antiseptic wipes, bandaids, gauze pads and wrap, safety pins). The baling twine can serve as an emergency repair kit for a bridle, an emergency halter and lead line, or a good way to secure something to your saddle in a pinch.

Thanks, again, to Linda Davis for capturing the TROT Search & Rescue training in her wonderful photo montage.

TRAIL RIDERS OF TODAY

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