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**HAY! ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!**  
**Be Sure to Come to the  
TROT MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

We have added a membership meeting to our TROT calendar and hope you can join your fellow trail riders. Members and non-members are welcome, so bring your friends!

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 23

**TIME:** 6:30 – 7:00 Networking and light dinner provided by TROT  
7:00 – 7:15 TROT update  
7:15 - 8:30 Scott Purdum, Advantage Horsemanship

**PROGRAM:** Advantage Horsemanship™ is a unique training program that teaches willingness, respect, and communication between horse and rider. **Scott Purdum**, the creator of Advantage Horsemanship™, has worked with all breeds and helps riders of any discipline become a better partner with their horse. His goal is to assist others when they have problems and to expand their horsemanship knowledge.

His website: <http://www.scottpurdum.net/>

**PLACE:** Damascus Library, 9701 Main Street, Damascus, MD 20872

**RSVP:** Valerie Helfrich [valeriehelfrich@hotmail.com](mailto:valeriehelfrich@hotmail.com) or call (410)-848-6095 if you are planning to attend the meeting.

**Directions:** Damascus Library, 9701 Main Street, Damascus, MD 20872

**From Rockville area:**

Take 270 north past Germantown to the Damascus exit, Route 27. Follow Route 27 about six miles into Damascus. Go through the stoplight near Damascus Elementary, bearing right at the second stoplight at Lewis Drive. Continue past the third stoplight at intersection of Route 27 and Route 108, following Route 108. Continue one block to the fourth stoplight at the intersection of Routes 108 and 124. The library will be on your left, just past this intersection. The library is between the Damascus Centre Shopping Center and the Day Care Center.

**From Olney area:**

Take Route 108 north to Damascus. Library is on right hand side of Route 108, just past the Day Care Center and before the intersection of Route 108 and 124, at 9701 Main St.

**From Frederick & Carroll Counties:**

From Interstate 70/Route 40 at Mount Airy, take Route 27 six miles south to the intersection of Route 108. Turn left onto Route 108 at the traffic light and go one block to the intersection of Route 108 (Main Street) and Route 124. The library will be on the left between the Damascus Centre Shopping Center and the Day Care Center.

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## *President's message*

We frequently hear about the special bond that is unique among horse people. I had a chance to experience this again on a recent trip to North Carolina. During lunch with a friend of my brother's whom I had never met, we discovered a mutual interest in trail riding and horse camping. By the end of lunch, arrangements had been made for me to borrow a helmet, boots, pants and chaps and go that afternoon for a two-hour ride to World's Edge – a magnificent overlook at about 3,000 feet in the Blue Ridge mountains – aboard her steady, experienced TWH. It was certainly the highlight of my trip, and a testament to the trust that we have of each other as knowledgeable horse people. On our horses, traversing the mountain trails, we were instant friends.

Our all-membership meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, is a chance for you to bond with some new friends who share your love of trails and horses. Join us for a light dinner, time for networking, and a program on Scott Purdum's *Advantage Horsemanship*. Check Scott's web site ([www.advantagehorsemanship.com](http://www.advantagehorsemanship.com)) for additional information.

We will also take a few minutes to update everyone on recent trail projects and public hearings regarding trails.

Details about the meeting are on our newsletter cover page. Don't forget to RSVP so that we know how many to expect. Potential TROT members are welcome!

*Priscilla Huffman*  
*President*

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## **Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference Report**

*Ron MacNab*

Janet and I had the privilege of representing TROT at the Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference this year. It was held in Charlestown, SC July 31 to August 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was attended by about 130 representatives from the state horse councils, national and state park managers and staff as well as individuals and organization representatives. The theme of the conference was "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Providing for Future Equestrians". There were many speakers but the essence of the conference was to:

Show the threats we face.  
Suggest ways of meeting these threats.  
Sustaining viability by attracting youth involvement.

The equestrian trail rider faces some major threats that will increase with time. Trails and rural land are being lost to development. Currently 2.2 million acres of rural land and forest are being lost annually to urban sprawl. As suburbanites discover and move to small towns, an average of .6 acres of additional land is needed for schools, roads and shopping centers to serve each additional family. Those who are moving into these towns have no knowledge or experience with horses. Unlike those of us who

grew up in the 1940's, 50's and 60's they are not seeing the great movie and TV westerns and horse stories that inspired so many of us to ride. Horses simply do not have a place in most people's lives. Only 15% of today's youth are growing up in a rural setting, most of them do not have horses. Of the 9.5 million horses in the United States, only a small portion are used for trail riding and even a fewer number of owners to lobby for this recreational use.

Equestrian trail riders are notorious for being quiet. Although legislators constantly hear from hunters, fishermen, boaters, ATV, dirt bike, snowmobile and occasionally nude sun bathers; equestrian trail riders just ride. Although by law, TROT is not permitted to lobby our legislators, our members can and should. It just takes an email or letter to your representative to get their attention. Reportedly at the state level, six or more letters received on the same topic is enough to highlight the topic for priority attention. If the topic is important to you, ask to meet with your delegate or representative.

Organizations should meet with park officials, and agency heads before anything is asked of them. Let them become familiar with you and your organization. Offer to provide information and support to their agency. Be an available contact point for them. Invite them to speak to your organization. If possible, invite them or a

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## County Updates

Currently there are no named contacts or coordinators for **Anne Arundel** and **Baltimore** Counties. If you have an interest to act in this capacity, please contact Priscilla Huffman, Trot President.

### Charles County

*T'mi Finkle*

The Indian Head to White Plains Hiker Biker Trail in Charles County Maryland does not have plans to include use of the trail system by equestrians for its Phase 1 construction. County Park Officials claim an equestrian path may be in-

cluded in Phase 2 of the project, but no funding will be available for at least the next 2 to 4 years. In the mean time, Charles County Park Officials advise equestrians to use Oak Ridge Park/Equestrian Complex (a free use park with 4 miles of trails and 2 rings) or Maxwell Hall Equestrian Park (a gated park that requires the purchase of a \$25 dollar yearly pass, which has 7 miles trails along the tidal Patuxent River).

### Montgomery County

*Ron MacNab*

#### The Upper Rock Creek Trail Corridor Plan - PUBLIC HEARING September 11, 2008

The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on the Draft Upper Rock Creek Trail Corridor Plan in the Planning Board Auditorium at 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910. Located in the northeastern portion of the county, this trail corridor extends northward from Rock Creek Regional Park to Rachel Carson Conservation Park and continues to the Patuxent River.

#### Hoyles Mill Trail Closure

A portion of Hoyles Mill Trail will be closed starting July 28, 2008 through approximately mid-November as the Department of Parks constructs a new bridge over the old ford

across Little Seneca Creek on Hoyles Mill Road in Boyds.

#### Agricultural Farm Park Trails - Tree Farm Trail Detour

Trail users visiting the Agriculture History Farm Park should use caution when using the Tree Farm Trail. A temporary detour has been established.

#### Rock Creek Regional Park Trails - Portion of Muncaster Mill Trail Closed Due to WSSC Water Line Break

A portion of the Muncaster Mill Trail has closed due to a WSSC water line break. Located in the Lake Frank Trail System of Rock Creek Regional Park, the closure affects the trail between the Smith Environmental Center and Meadowside Nature Center.

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family member to go on a trail ride so they can experience the enjoyment and see how important the trails are to us.

Parks and forests are under pressure. Equestrians, hikers and mountain bikers are using the trails more than ever. Baby boomers are flooding the parks as a recreational outlet. Unfortunately funding and staffing have been reduced and park officials are caught in the middle. There is more need, but less staff and money.

In an odd way, this problem can benefit an organization like TROT. With fewer resources at hand, Park officials welcome joint efforts with organizations that can help them fulfill their mission. Such partnership projects are often used as criteria in the official's annual personnel evaluation. Organizations such as TROT can:

- ◇ Provide sweat equity by volunteering to perform maintenance and special projects on the trail system. Parks and forests will not undertake new projects unless they are confident they will be able to service and maintain

the project in future years.

- ◇ Provide project funding to assist or replace when public funding is not available,
- ◇ Apply for grants in partnership with the park or forest. Public agencies are not eligible to apply for most grants. They welcome partners who are eligible and will assist in completing the requirements of the grant.

Size and virility matter. The membership size and the activity level of the organization is important in obtaining the attention and cooperation of legislators, agency chiefs, and park officials. Organizations such as TROT need to broaden the activity base of their membership. Get members actively involved with the activities of the organization and its volunteer services.

Promote trail riding to young riders. Invite and create trail riding opportunities to those who have specialized in ring activities. Do joint trail rides with a pony club. The future of equestrian trail riding depends on the involvement of the "trail riders of today", and the recruitment of the "trail riders of tomorrow".



## Riders to the Rescue

*T'mi Finkle, Team Commander*

On June 6th the Mounted Team conducted a mock search near Crownsville. Over a dozen Mounted Team members took part in the training exercise. The Mounted Search Team had its summer meeting and team picnic on July 12th at the Pelham Farm in Hampstead, Maryland. Mounted Team Photographer Linda Davis (Trot-102) took photos of both events.

On August 5th, at the request of Maryland Natural Resource Police and the Department of Interior, 6 members of the TROTSAR Mounted Search & Rescue Team responded to the Catoctin Mountain National Park in Frederick County Maryland for a lost hiker. Missing hiker Barbara Freund, 81 of Carroll Valley, PA was found in Owens Creek near Route 550

near Thurmont, MD. Despite being lost for 34 hours and suffering minor mobility impairments Ms. Freund was conscious and responsive at the time she was located at approximately 1 mile from her last known location. She was transported to Frederick Memorial Hospital where she is in stable condition. Over 100 searchers from Catoctin Mountain Park and six other National Parks; five volunteer SAR organizations, teams from Maryland State Police, Maryland Natural Resources Police, and Maryland State Park Service, work continuously during the 34 hour coordinated search effort to find Ms. Freund. Search efforts were hampered by extremely steep and rocky terrain, rattlesnakes, bears and dense vegetation.



# FALL DEER HUNTING SEASON BEGINS SOON

*Nancy Osgood*

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> – go to the menu item “Outdoor Activities” and scroll down to “Hunting.” 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

**Hunting hours:** One half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

**First day of bow season is September 15!**

Bow season is September 15-October 15; October 20-November 28; December 15-19; January 5-8; and January 12-31.

**First day of muzzleloader season is October 16!**

Muzzleloader season is October 16-18, October 20-25; and December 20-January 3.

**First day of firearms season is November 15 (junior hunt day), and the first day of regular firearms season is November 29!**

Firearms season is November 29-December 13; and January 9-10.

**Sunday Hunting.** Sunday hunting is permitted only on certain days, and on private lands only, and not in all counties. Bow hunting is allowed in many counties on Sunday November 2, and in certain counties bow hunting is allowed on some Sundays in October and November. 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 and police-based sharpshooting 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 started September 1!** Season dates are Sept. 1 - Oct. 11; Nov. 15 - Nov. 28; Dec. 20 - 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.

## The League of Maryland Horsemen

invites TROT club members to join us for our Invitational Ride on the weekend of October 11-12, 2008. There will be 3 led rides on both days for medium/fast, medium/gaited, and scenic riders. The terrain varies from hilly, rocky at places, as well as level softer surfaces. The rides will be crossing water and railroad tracks. Patapsco State Park and Liberty Dam watershed offers some of the best riding in the Mid-Atlantic Region!

Each participant will need to present a negative Coggins for their horse and sign a hold harmless agreement prior to riding out. Bring a bagged lunch for the trail rides. Rides will begin at 10:00. Please arrive earlier to register. The cost is \$15 and includes one night of camping and burgers on the grill with all the trimmings for Saturday dinner. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. This should offer a chance for us all to get acquainted and to learn about each other's riding clubs.

The grounds will be open on Friday for those who wish to arrive early. Camping sites are open with some electric outlets. Water pumps are available. There are full bathroom facilities. Horses can be line tied.

Confirmation and checks should be received by October 3rd, 2008. Send checks payable to LOMH to Sally Suder, 86 Mile Trail, Fairfield, PA 17320 (tel. 717-642-9168). E-mail: [sallysharonsuder@aim.com](mailto:sallysharonsuder@aim.com).

For directions contact the League of Maryland Horsemen website, map quest 8067 Henryton Rd., Marriotsville, Md. or contact one of us.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones, including your horses.

Sincerely,  
Evelyn Burkhouse, Chairperson (tel. 410-398-9749)."

## Ride the Trail to a Cure.

The third annual Ride the Trail to a Cure will be:

October 4, 2008 10 AM

Penn State Mont Alto Campus - Michaux State Forest

Lunch will be provided. Free Friday night camping (no restrooms or electric)

Visit our web site: [www.ridethetrailtoacure.org](http://www.ridethetrailtoacure.org)

Join the Grey Mare Society and ride to benefit the fight against breast cancer by supporting the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition and Breast Cancer Awareness-Cumberland Valley.

There will be great food (snacks and lunch provided).

**To be notified of details – sponsor forms, prize list, etc. or if you don't ride, or know a participant, but would like to contribute please contact us through the web site or email [info@ridethetrailtoacure.org](mailto:info@ridethetrailtoacure.org)**

## 2008 MNIE Fundraiser

The Maryland Network For Injured Equestrians (MNIE) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to assisting equestrians with severe head or spinal injuries.

Their Annual Benefit Dinner will be held on  
Saturday, October 11th 6 p.m. at  
Our Lady of Grace Church  
Middletown and York Roads, Parkton, MD

Buffet Dinner · Beer · Wine · Soft Drinks  
Live Band "Release" · Silent & Live Auction  
50/50 Raffle Drawing

Auction Items Now Being Accepted  
For More Information and Tickets Visit [www.MNIE.net](http://www.MNIE.net)  
or Call 410-823-5579

## Mark your calendars:

Scot Hansen is coming to the Washington DC area to present his Self-Defense for Trail Riders Clinic, on October 4th and 5th 2008. The TROTSAR Search & Rescue Mounted Team Inc. is hosting this event. Scot is a nationally known equine practitioner and has developed the clinic for trail riders who wanted to know how they could use their horse to defend against a human predator on the trail. Each clinic is an individual three-hour session that teaches riders how to recognize predator behavior, how to avoid an attack, how to stay safely in the saddle if you're approached or assaulted, and how to teach your horse how to help you escape safely. Each individual clinic is limited to only 10 riders per session and each rider will be able to select a clinic time that best fits into their schedule, at a cost of \$100 dollars per clinic. There will also be 12 slots available for those who wish to audit (without a horse) at the cost of \$25.00 dollars per clinic. Email [Officers@trotsar.org](mailto:Officers@trotsar.org) for clinic information and/or to request online registration packet or visit the TROTSAR web site: <http://trot-md.org/sar.htm>



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**TROT Members:** Regular (100 word) ad FREE!

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\$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

**WANTED:** 15.2h+ gelding, under 13-years for a trail horse/fieldhunter over small fences. Ideal: Morgan/Arab type horse. MUST be sound/good feet. Green ok but under saddle to be ridden this spring/summer. Needs to be a seriously not expensive. Yes, I've looked at rescue. Or would like to lease a horse that is sound and about that size until I find what I want. I am at Paternal Gift, go to <http://www.acuityglobal.com/pgf/> to see it. The barn is barn #2 in the pictures. Joan 301-559-3345 leave message

**SPECIAL:** for TROT members. **Great gift idea!** **SAVE OVER \$10 on book purchases!** Price include shipping!

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FMI: see: [www.patrail.com](http://www.patrail.com) (Special not available via website.)

**Horse Trailer for Sale:** Gore Aluminum over a steel frame. Very good condition. Gooseneck, 2 horse, thoroughbred size. New electric and lights. Good floor. Damascus, MD. Looks nice. Call Mary 301-391-6683.

**Pony For Sale:** Ginger - Will follow along nicely on trail rides. 13'2 mare, very pretty bay. Very child safe but out-grown. Easy to care for and a great baby-sitter. A good home is a must. Damascus, MD. Call Mary 301-391-6683.



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**Black TWH for sale:** 16.1 hand gelding, 11 years old. Natural gait, great on trails. Will go thru anything, will lead or follow. Not spooky. Great feet, easy keeper. Loves people. Has been on camping rides, stands well on pickett line. Easy to trailer. Papers out of Midnight Sun and Carbon Copy. Call for more info, Elizabeth 410-245-8942

## UPCOMING RIDES

*Pat Talbott, Trail ride coordinator*

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; 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, silverware and drinks to potlucks unless otherwise indicated. Please check the web site for updates: [www.trot-md.org/calendar.php](http://www.trot-md.org/calendar.php). For any additional questions about TROT rides, please contact Pat Talbott @ (301) 628-4130 or [Ptalbott@insuranceservices.com](mailto:Ptalbott@insuranceservices.com).

**Saturday September 13 Rocky Gorge Water Shed** - PG County. Sponsored by Terry Ledley and Barbara Sollner-Webb & Denis Webb. Come ride these lovely trails with spectacular views of the Patuxent River and Rocky Gorge Watershed. The footing is great and has many water crossings. There will be walking group led by Terry and a moderately paced ride led by Barbara and Denis. Near the end of the ride, we will meet at the Webb's farm, and enjoy lunch at their home before returning to the parking area. Please bring dishes to share. Bob will ferry dishes, halter and leads from the trailer parking to the Webb's home and back again after lunch. Please contact Terry 301 776 2661 to sign up for the ride.

**Sunday September 28 Sandy Spring Underground Railroad.** Jean Cooper will be the narrator. Bring a bag lunch for after the ride. Contact: Sandy Boyd (301) - 774-0495.

**October 11- 12, 2008 Camping weekend, League of Maryland Horsemen .** The league has invited nine riding clubs to join them. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Includes camping Saturday night with burgers on the grill and all the fixings. Participants are to bring a side dish or desert to share. Organized rides will be lead on both Saturday and Sunday laving at 10:00am. See Invitation for more information (page 6).

**Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> – Piney Run (Carroll County near Eldersberg)** Ready to ride at 9am. Mostly walk and trot maybe some canter. Pot luck – to be determined. Contact Melinda Bennett 410 875 0481

Please check the web site for updates: [www.trot-md.org/calendar.php](http://www.trot-md.org/calendar.php). I am working on rides for the rest of the year. I am hoping to schedule 2 rides a month. I need more members to volunteer to be ride leaders. Most leaders volunteer year after year because they have so much fun! It's a great opportunity to meet other TROT members and maybe find a new trail buddy.

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## Need a ride/Share a ride!

Do you have a two or three horse trailer, but don't like traveling alone? Do you have a horse, but no trailer? TROT organizes some great trail rides throughout Maryland. It would be a shame to miss those fun times because you don't like to travel alone or because you don't have a trailer. We want to provide a forum space for people looking for a traveling partner, so please write to the TROT Newsletter at [nlogood@verizon.net](mailto:nlogood@verizon.net). You just might find someone who

lives around the corner from you who would love to share a ride (and with gas prices the way they are, someone who might be willing to share expenses)!

### Needs a ride:

Is there anyone out near Union Bridge/Frederick that could pick me and my daughter up for a trail ride? Contact Allison Zerr at [AZerr@jzerr.com](mailto:AZerr@jzerr.com)



# Some Olympic Equestrian Sports Trivia

Nancy Osgood

Every four years I end up wishing I could have seen more of the equestrian competitions. I was happy to see at least some dressage and show jumping during prime time coverage! So, what are the current Olympic Equestrian sports? The answer: There are 6 events – dressage, three-day eventing, and show jumping – with individual and team competitions in each discipline. Horse sports such as chariot and riding races were part of the early Olympic games. Riding was first included in the 1900 Olympics and reap-

peared in 1912. Originally in the modern Olympics, only commissioned officers were allowed to compete. Beginning in 1952, rules were changed to allow civilians and women. Olympic equestrian events are one of two Olympic sports where women compete equally with men (sailing is the other). The first Olympic dressage competition was in 1912 although the sport is centuries old. Another interesting fact: Hiroshi Hoketsu is 67 and competed for Japan. His last Olympic competition was in the 1964 Games.

## 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.

### **Blockhouse Point (Farm Loop on Canal at Violettes Lock)**

Naomi Manders e-mail: Nmanders@aol.com

### **Cactoctin Mountain Park and Little Bennett**

Marilynn Miller 301-898-7274

### **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 Greeway Trail that goes to Patuxent!

Naomi Manders e-mail: Nmanders@aol.com

### **Little Bennett Park**

Jim and Maureen Henry (301)-371-4868.

### **Montgomery Agricultural Farm Park and Annapolis Rock**

Deneen Martin 301-253-2955

### **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

### **Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD**

Karen Kraushaar

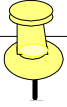
kraushaar@verizon.net or 301-208-0767

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

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- from the Newsletter Staff

It's sorta like the potluck dinner meeting but not exactly!

Many TROT members have suggested more membership meetings during the year – because they have so much fun at the February Potluck annual meeting. So this year we are introducing a new meeting – and a new opportunity for members to get together. It is the upcoming TROT Membership Meeting (TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 6:30 pm – 8:30). It will be a chance for members to get together to talk about our favorite horse topics – including the trail riding everyone has done over the summer! And to hear a fascinating presentation by Scott Purdum. Plus – a light dinner will be provided by TROT!

**We are hoping for a good turnout – so please RSVP early to help us with the planning!  
See all the details inside on PAGE 1!**

By the way, did you know that the monthly TROT Board meetings are also open to members? It is a great way to meet the heart and soul of TROT, and maybe get the chance to participate in some very rewarding TROT activities. Our “Master Webmaster” posts the monthly meetings – so be sure to check out [www.trot-md.org](http://www.trot-md.org) periodically



**TRAIL RIDERS OF TODAY**

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