

# Trail Riders Of Today

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**GET READY FOR THE  
TROT JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE!  
FABULOUS NEW VENUE!  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011  
(RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 17)**



TROT's Judged Pleasure Ride (JPR) is just around the corner. Mark your calendar for Sat. September 10th, rain date Sept. 17th. The location is at RT & 3L Farm located at 4240 Jefferson Pike, Jefferson, MD. This year our new location is in Frederick County. The course will be about 6 miles including open fields and fence lines of pastures and wooded trails. One of our 22 obstacles on the course will be an exciting Hill Climb. Each obstacle will have a time limit, however, the judges will make sure each obstacle is a positive and meaningful experience. We have many volunteers who have committed their time to make this a fun for all who attend.

The course will open at 9 AM with check in time starting at 8:30. The last registration will be at 11 AM with the last rider starting the course no later than 12 noon. Plan on a course that will take around 2 hours to complete. Katie Tessier, manager of this facility, has taken a lot of time to plan out the course and obstacles and provide additional details to make this a success.

You are strongly encouraged to register early for a savings of \$10 per rider. Pre-registration will be \$35 and on site registration at the indoor arena facility area will be \$45. Please send your registration form with a current negative Coggins and check made out to Trail Riders of Today to Maureen Henry at the address located on the registration form, See page 11.

Other items to remember:

1. Helmet is required
2. Some water for your horses will be available, but you really need to bring your own.
3. Bring food and water for yourselves.
4. Owner requests NO DOGS. Please leave your pets at home.
5. Bring a manure bucket and fork to clean up after your horse in the trailer parking area.

JPR is a great opportunity to have a good time both as a rider and volunteer.

**SEE YOU ALL ON SEPTEMBER 10TH !!!**

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## ***President's Message***

*Ron MacNab, President*

It's too darn hot! I don't mean to be a complainer but I had been looking forward to lots of riding this summer. I was even willing to travel a bit despite the high cost of gas and a truck that at best gets thirteen miles to the gallon. But 95 to 100 degree temperatures were too much for me. My horse agreed. It was not meant to be.

I heard someone say that air conditioning has destroyed the American character. I tend to think it is true. It has certainly contributed to my diminished resolve. It is all I can do to walk out to the barn several times a day to feed, muck and check on the horses. I quickly come back inside to the air conditioning and park myself under a ceiling fan. It's not right, but it is true.



Fortunately other folks have been doing lots of work. Maureen Henry and Katie Tessier have been preparing for the Jugged Pleasure Ride that is coming up on September 10. This year it is being held in Jefferson MD and the obstacles number more than twenty. It is worth the cost of admission just to see how your horse reacts to so many different situations. It should be a lot of fun. BTW, Katie teaches riding and comes highly recommended. If you are interested in lessons be sure to talk to her.

Barbara Sollner-Webb and Debby Poole have been leading the effort to convince WSSC to work with equestrians to preserve our trail at the Rocky Gorge Reservoir. Commissioner Melonie Hartwig-Davis showed her interest and dedication by coming with us to see the trails in person. I want to particularly thank Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk District 21, Senator Karen Montgomery District 14, and Senator Roger Manno District 19 for the support they have given. They are working for you. **Please send them a note of thanks.** (Joseline.Pena.Melnyk@house.state.md.us, Karen.Montgomery@senate.state.md.us, Roger.Manno@senate.state.md.us)

Priscilla Huffman is making arrangements for a TROT booth at the 2012 Maryland Horse EXPO. We still need a volunteer to schedule the manning of the booth. If you are interested, please contact me. (Rmacnab@comcast.net)

Hopefully the weather will soon change. Until then, you can find me under the ceiling fan.

Ron

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## **Greetings Volunteers!**

*Forwarded by Amy Kimble, Trail Maintenance Coordinator*

"I hope everyone had a great Independence Day and if you don't celebrate; Happy Monday off work! I just wanted to share this wonderful article highlighting the great work you did on National Trails Day. The link is below. For all the first time volunteers, thank you for coming out and thank you for the continued support from our regulars. Without your assistance the parks truly would not be able to provide as great an experience to visitors. You make it all possible. If you haven't been keeping up with the news articles many parks around the country are losing their funding and being forced to increase their rates or shut down completely. With your support you have made it possible for us to keep our gates open. We appreciate everything you do. No matter how much time or effort you put forth, you make a big impact. As of 2011 the total worth of a volunteer is \$22.32 per hour. That's more than the average full time employee makes! Give yourselves a pat on the back and once again: Thank you from Seneca Creek State Park.", Ranger Josette Wiggins, Seneca Creek State Park

See the link below for the article:

[http://dnr.maryland.gov/volunteer/SCSP\\_NatTrailsDay060411/index.asp](http://dnr.maryland.gov/volunteer/SCSP_NatTrailsDay060411/index.asp)

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### **NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION OPTIONS**

#### **Electronic or Hard Copy?**

*Nancy Osgood*

TROT is dedicated to keeping its members informed and entertained by issuing this bimonthly Newsletter. We recognize that more and more information is being accessed electronically and that electronic distribution can save money for printing and postage. But we also know that many folks still prefer reading from paper copy. We would like to make sure members get the Newsletter in the format that they prefer – either email with a link to the newsletter, or hard copy in the mail.

If you would like to change your Newsletter format to electronic only, please contact Margaret Scarff, our membership chair, by sending her an email: [mdanews@aol.com](mailto:mdanews@aol.com). Put in the Subject Line: TROT News Electronic Only, and be sure to include your full name in the body of the email (not just your email address).

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## County Updates

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### Need volunteers

as contacts or coordinators for **Baltimore, Calvert, and Talbot Counties**. If you have an interest to act in this capacity, please contact Ron MacNab, TROT President, [rmacnab@comcast.net](mailto:rmacnab@comcast.net) or call (301) 622-4157

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### Howard County

*Pat Oliva*

First **\*\*I need Karen and Tyler\*\*** to get in touch with me. I have been unable to contact you.

Trail clearing in Western Regional has been postponed due to the heat.

Kathy Covieile introduced a few of us riders to West Friendship Farm trails. The farm is directly across from the Howard County Fairgrounds. This is not a park but land leased to a private group who dedicates the land to preserving the pioneer way of farming. I stopped by to tell

them of a weed I had seen and they were out in the sun, reaping the hay with pitch forks. They had just mowed some of the trails and are planning on putting a parking area in for trail users. Maps are available on line. Please do not leave any manure, hay or shaving in the parking area if you ride here.

Joan Pontius notified me of a meeting in Columbia about the BGE pipe line route. She attended the meeting and I have sent a request to them to allow a natural surface multi-use trail on the pipe line. This would connect two parks, Cedar and Wilde Lakes. Joan- a very special Thank You!!! I am off to Utah in August and won't be back until mid September.

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### Montgomery County Report

*by Ron MacNab*

#### M-MNCPPC

Casey Anderson was appointed to the Montgomery MNCPPC in June. Commissioner Casey has been a long time advocate for trails. He has been very active with the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) and with Montgomery County Parks. Casey brings to the Planning Commission an understanding and appreciation for trails.

#### Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission

On July 28 Priscilla Huffman, Terry Ledley, Pat Oliva, Debbie Poole, Jen Poole, Barbar Sollner-Webb and I attended a meeting with Jerry Johnson, CEO of WSSC and thirteen of his staff. This was a follow-up to a request by TROT and property owners for WSSC to reconsider restricting riding to the Access Road. We walked away with a greater appreciation of their concerns about erosion and maintaining water quality. They walked away admitting that they should have consulted users and property owners before making the decision.

We suggested that they point out the parts of the trail which cause concern and we would work to reroute them. Mr. Johnson said that he is considering hiring a consultant to study every aspect of managing and maintaining the watershed. He would not want to approve the movement of the trail and have to reverse the decision following the consultant's report. In the mean time horses may continue to use the trails. He requests however that horses stay away from the water and not to use the trails when they are wet (which we should be doing anyway).

We thanked him and assured him of our willingness to cooperate. (See also article on page 7.)

#### M-MNCPPC Coordinator of Trail Volunteers

Ben Sugar resigned from his position as Coordinator of Trail Volunteers to return to school. This was a big loss, because Ben had done such a good job and accomplished so much. I was worried that his position would not be filled because of budget cuts. Fortunately I was wrong. They will be filling the position. The new person should be in place by October. Let's welcome the new person by volunteering!

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### TROT Ride - Liberty Reservoir – Sunday

July 10th, Ride leader Mary Prowell

*Mary Powell*

The TROT Liberty ride was postponed from Saturday July 9 to Sunday July 10 because of thunderstorms on Friday. The turn out was still very good with 23 riders. The ride was divided into 3 groups-Doris Rinehart leading a walk group with Terry Ledley, Russ Glass, and Judy and Vic Haran; Mary Prowell with an intermediate group of Priscilla Huffman, Katherine Weld, Mike Shipe, Pam Howard, Sharon Hardy and Sharen Cappeluti; and a faster group led by Lisa Troutman with Karen Penharlow, Randal Gilbert, Sheila Gilbert, Karen Koback, Kent Middlekauff, Jacki Edens, Denis Webb, Barbara Sollner-

Webb, Larry Pieper, Jeane Pieper and Linda McKinny. The weather was warm but clear and the trail was in good shape. The fast group led off with the next two groups following shortly. Because of new dead-fall on the trail all three groups bunched up temporarily while the fast group cleared downed trees (good reason to go in a slower group) but eventually all groups were separated and riding down the reservoir fire road. The middle group had riders that were new to the Liberty trails and they were very impressed by the beauty of the reservoir as well as the rideability of the trail. The slow and intermediate group met at a point on the reservoir for lunch. The faster group followed later. Another loop was ridden by the intermediates and all returned uneventfully to the trailers.



## Trail Guides

The following volunteers are willing to show TROT members their favorite trails on an individual basis. Contact them to arrange a personal guided trail ride.

**Benson Branch Park** Sandy Brewer  
Email [sandbrewer@aol.com](mailto:sandbrewer@aol.com)

**Blockhouse Point (Farm Loop on Canal at Violettes Lock)**  
Naomi Manders e-mail: [naomimanders0@gmail.com](mailto:naomimanders0@gmail.com)

**Breezy Loop Boyds, MD** an easy hour and 15 minutes.  
Naomi Manders e-mail: [naomimanders0@gmail.com](mailto:naomimanders0@gmail.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! 10 miles round trip  
Naomi Manders e-mail: [naomimanders0@gmail.com](mailto:naomimanders0@gmail.com)

**Gunpowder State Park at Sweet Air (Harford County)**  
Karen Penharlow, (410) 236-9365 or [KlawPaws@aol.com](mailto:KlawPaws@aol.com)

**Gunpowder State Park (Harford County)**  
Joyce Browning (410) 557-6165/443-966-0249

**Little Bennett Park**  
Jim and Maureen Henry (301)-371-4868.

**Montgomery Agricultural History Farm Park and Annapolis Rock** Deneen Martin (301) 253-2955

**Patuxent River State Park, Rachel Carson and Rock Creek Park,** Laury Lobel  
(301) 774-9595 or [laurylobel@verizon.net](mailto:laurylobel@verizon.net)

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

**Sugarloaf Mt.** Vicki Bazan (301) 831-8715

**Sugarloaf Mt.** Janine Borofka (301) 874-0770

**Union Mills/Kowomu Trail**  
Also Liberty Reservoir trails [off Deer Park Road] and Morgan Run Trails.  
Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691 or [ivysmink@gis.net](mailto:ivysmink@gis.net)

**Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD**  
Karen Kraushaar (301) 208-0767 or [kraushaar@verizon.net](mailto:kraushaar@verizon.net)

If you would like to volunteer to show other TROT members your favorite trails contact:  
Nancy Osgood at [nlosgood@verizon.net](mailto:nlosgood@verizon.net)

## LOOKING FOR RIDING BUDDIES and NEED A RIDE/SHARE A RIDE

This section of the Newsletter is for folks who are looking for riding partners – either for meeting up on the trail or for sharing a trailer ride. Linking up with other trail riders is fun – and economical! We want to provide a forum space for people looking for a traveling partner, so please write to the TROT Newsletter at [nlosgood@verizon.net](mailto:nlosgood@verizon.net).

**Do you have a second horse?** I'm a new member of TROT and very interested in joining in on some of the trail rides, but I'm only leasing a horse right now and he doesn't trailer very well. Also, I don't have my own trailer. So I am interested in any members who might have a second horse they'd like to get out and about on the trails. I'd be happy to share expenses, etc., and I do have my own tack.  
Donna Kinsella [kinsgold@aol.com](mailto:kinsgold@aol.com)

**Share a ride:** Well behaved, easy loading 10 y/o paint gelding and his owner would love to rideshare (and pay gas) to TROT rides. Located off hwy 301 in Upper Marlboro. Call or text 240-547-8618 or email [ellen.lichtenstein@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.lichtenstein@gmail.com). Also welcome visitors to my trail-accessible farm for weekend rides. 5/11

**Looking for a horse** to go on TROT rides. I would like to ride your horse (if you have an extra one) on a TROT trail ride. I rode for 20 years, but have not recently. I am in the Ellicott City/Catonsville area. I would be happy to share all expenses. Contact: Susan Doukas (410) 461-6872.  
email: [sdoukashorse@yahoo.com](mailto:sdoukashorse@yahoo.com) 5/11

**Share a ride:** I have my horses stabled at Belle Cote Farm in Burtonsville, MD. I would love to go on a trail ride with the group, but do not have a trailer. My horse is

15.1 and stocky Haflinger/Paint. She is 14 and rides well. If you are looking for someone to share the ride and help pay expenses, I'd love to talk to you. It is best to get me by email at [marydorr5@clear.net](mailto:marydorr5@clear.net) 7/11

**Riding Buddy** - My name is Tiina Frost and I live just outside New Windsor, in Carroll County and about 15-minutes from Morgan Run. I would be willing to ride with anyone wanting to go to Morgan Run, during the week. Also, even though the Gettysburg battlefield is in Pennsylvania, I lived on the battlefield for 8 years when my husband worked for the Park there, so I know the riding trails well... If anyone really needs a Civil War fix. LOL. Contact me at [bt1983@wildblue.net](mailto:bt1983@wildblue.net). 7/11

**Hi There!** I recently joined TROT but am one of those unfortunates who does not own a trailer (yet). In the meantime, I am trying to get my guy (Wiley Boy) out and about as much as possible on the trail. Here is the address where he currently lives (boarded) and my information should someone like to pick us up to go for a ride. Current Coggins if needed.

Lynn Mozolic, 301-367-4971, [Lynnmozolic@aol.com](mailto:Lynnmozolic@aol.com)  
Deer Creek Farm, 6717 Mink Hollow Rd, Highland, MD 20777

## UPCOMING RIDES

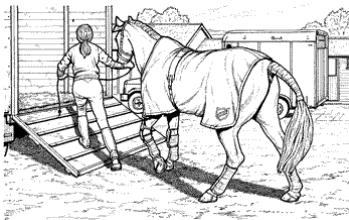
Lisa Troutman , Trail Ride Coordinator

[cat.home@verizon.net](mailto:cat.home@verizon.net)

Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on the ride and for information about start time and directions.

All ride participants must:

- wear hard hats,
- be TROT members (membership forms will be available at the ride for non-members).



- provide a copy of a current negative Coggins for each horse.

- if needed, bring a snack for get together after the ride. **Contact ride leader for details.**

For any additional questions about TROT rides, please contact Lisa Troutman. 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.

**Rides may be added or modified Check the TROT web page, -<http://www.trot-md.org/> for updates**

### September

**TROT Judged Pleasure Ride** - Sat. September 10. (Rain date Sat. September 17.)

Ride Manager Maureen Henry:

Location: RT & 3L Farm, 4240 Jefferson Pike, Jefferson, MD

Open to the public

See page 1 of this Newsletter for information and pages 10, 11 for the entry form, or contact Maureen Henry at [maureenhenry@comcast.net](mailto:maureenhenry@comcast.net)

**Catoctin Mountain Park** – Saturday September 24,

Ride leader Marilyn Miller

Mostly walking. Steep, rocky trail, shoes recommended. In the saddle by 10 am. Limited trailer parking. Contact Marilyn Miller 301 898-7274.

**LOMH Horse Club Invitational** – September 30, October 1, 2

Come camp at the League of Maryland Horseman and ride the trails at Patapsco State Park. There will be 3 different rides on Saturday with lunch on the trail; 1) slow walk ride, 2) gaited ride and 3) medium ride (walk, trot, canter). All meals provided. \$35. Call Evelyn Burkhouse, 410-398-9749, to register and for more information.

### October

**Upper Patuxent River State Park , Damascus**

Ride leader Suzanne Anderson

**October 8, Saturday**

This ride will be a 2+ hour loop, at the walk with perhaps a jog, and returning to the trailers for lunch. Bring something to share, and we'll set up a table under the awning and can even boil water for tea, coffee, or cocoa.

**October 9, Sunday**

This ride will be about 4 hours long, moving briskly at gait/trot. Please bring a lunch you can pack on your saddle.

**Both Days:** The trails are hilly but not too rocky. There will be river crossings and, depending on the rainfall, mud or dust. Bring water for your horse as there is no water at the trailer parking site. These are joint rides with the Chesapeake Plantation Walking Horse (CPWH) club. On each day the pace will

accommodate the least experienced rider. If you want a slow easy ride, please come Saturday. If you and your horse are eager to cover some ground, please come on Sunday. You must be a member of TROT or CPWH to participate.

**Both Days:** Ready to Ride (RTR) at 10:00 AM. That means IN the SADDLE. Please call or email Suzanne so she can provide further details, keep a head count, and take your phone #'s in case of last minute changes. [trailsendfarm@verizon.net](mailto:trailsendfarm@verizon.net), 301-829-3881.

**Agricultural History Farm Park** - Saturday, October 22,

Ride leader Christiane Ritcher

Come and see the Agricultural History Park in the fall. It is a beautiful place to ride with its mowed grassy paths and forest trails. There will be creeks, woods, open fields and bridges. We will have both slow and faster paced groups. There are streams in the park for your horse to drink from but no water at the parking lot so plan accordingly. Your horse will not need shoes or boots. Bring your sandwich and chair. There will be sodas and water.

In the saddle at 10 AM, Location/parking: Agricultural History Farm, 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood MD. Drive to the end of the long asphalt driveway where it dead ends at the parking lots around the Cooperative Extension building. Turn left onto the gravel road and park in the grassy area by the asphalt parking lot.

Contact: Chris at 240-393-1217 or email [lapado2000@gmail.com](mailto:lapado2000@gmail.com)

### November

**Anacostia Park** - November 26

Ride leader John Angevine

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

In the saddle at: 10 am.

Contact :John at 301-937-0014

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## The Grey Mare Ride the Trail to a Cure

date is Saturday, **September 24**, 2011. Riders will be supporting PA Breast Cancer Coalition and Breast Cancer Awareness - Cumberland Valley. Riders to designate which of these organizations will receive sponsor donations. Gentlemen, ladies and families are welcome.

It is the same place as last year – Mont Alto, PA (Penn State campus near Chambersburg, PA) with the opportunity to ride Gettysburg on Sunday. **Complete information, a poster and sponsor forms** are on our web site – [www.ridethetrailtoacure.org](http://www.ridethetrailtoacure.org) - under 2011 Ride. If you have a problem accessing them, email me at [info@ridethetrailtoacure.org](mailto:info@ridethetrailtoacure.org) and I will send them to you in Word. The ride is 8 miles on wide shady, trails and you may opt for the shorter ride of 5 miles. We provide breakfast and a hot lunch. This year we are having a silent auction with a lot of nice items listed on the web site. All riders get a goody bag and we give prizes for amount of sponsorships. We appreciate an RSVP. Check out the website and if you have more questions, please e-mail or call.

Many of us are affected by breast cancer, whether it is a wife, a mother, a sister, or a friend who has survived or lost the battle. Join us in riding the trail to a cure.

Hope to see you on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Linda Golden

## WSSC TRAILS UPDATE

Posted on the Maryland Trail Riders by Barbara Sollner-Webb on July 28, 2011.

Hello! Just a brief note to let you know there is progress! WSSC held a "Horseback Stakeholders Meeting" today, to which they invited seven of us equestrians, plus eventually also permitted the aide of a state delegate, to meet with thirteen (13!) top leaders from WSSC! I won't bore you with the details (write me for more specifics, if you are interested), but everyone got a chance to say what was on their mind. I felt the riders gave excellent and compelling statements. [ We were Ron MacNab, Pat Oliva, Terry Ledley, Priscilla Huffman, Jen Poole, Debby Poole and Barbara Sollner-Webb.] The 3 1/2 hour (!) meeting started with an introduction from WSSC's General Manager, followed by PowerPoint presentations (34 slides total) from four WSSC Group Leaders, describing the importance of protecting the water (interesting, but not addressing any effect from equestrians using their trail). Then each of the equestrians sequentially said their piece, eloquently presenting to-the-point, highly complementary and largely

irrefutable arguments for not closing the equestrian trail and moving riding to the fire access road, for not banning most previous entrances, and for not stopping riding in the winter, while protecting the environment. We felt they listened. It made my heart proud to hear us. Interspersed were statements from other of the WSSC officials, in which we learned (among other things) that the trail they were shown that runs near the water, which they believed was the equestrian trail, was marked in blue -- and thus is not the equestrian trail, which is marked in orange. They plan to schedule a follow-up meeting and re-consider things, but agreed that **IN THE INTERIM WE CAN GO BACK TO RIDING THE EQUESTRIAN TRAIL AND CAN GO BACK TO USING THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ENTRANCES!** Yay! Note, however, that we must stay off trail sections that go down to the reservoir water and must not ride when the ground is wet --which has always been forbidden (and for good reason). I feel WSSC deserves to be thanked for all this. But we still need to keep the pressure on, so that their final decision is based on solid science and reason, not scare platitudes.

## Horse enthusiast shares with others the love of animals

Originally published July 22, 2011

By [Ed Waters Jr.](#) FrederickNews-Post Staff

It isn't unusual to have someone bring a dog, or even a cat, to visit senior residents at Montevue Assisted Living. But when Arlene Atkins showed up with Sara, they really drew a crowd.

Sara is a horse, a 17-year-old appaloosa.

"We expected to be there for a short time, but after two hours we finally left," Atkins said. "Some of the residents needed to take medicine and such. We had about 30 residents come out to see her." .....

To read the whole article go to

<http://www.fredericknews-post.com/sections/news/display.htm?StoryID=123962>



Arlene Atkins is a TROT member and Co-Chair of the Frederick Co. Horse Alliance.

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**Belle Cote Farm: Field board** available for adults on a private farm in Burtonsville, MD. Lighted outdoor arena and direct access to WSSC trails. \$300/mo. Prefer retired, semi-retired, or non-showing horses. Contact Debby at [Debby.Poole@Juno.com](mailto:Debby.Poole@Juno.com)



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Several nice horses available for lease to adults, 21 years and older, on a private farm in Burtonsville, MD. Lighted outdoor arena, cross country field, and direct access to trails. \$175/mo. half lease. Different lease options are available. Contact Jennifer at [bcfarmgirl@hotmail.com](mailto:bcfarmgirl@hotmail.com) r2-10



I am in the Upper Marlboro/Croom area (near PG Equestrian Center). I have 2 wonderful, uncomplicated QH & fabulous trails. I am looking for a person who would **basically like a free lease** & join me in some wonderful ride time. [cauletta@aol.com](mailto:cauletta@aol.com) 7/11

## MISC. - TRAILERS, SADDLES, TACK, ETC.

**A fox hunting special:** Kingston Thoroughbred Deluxe 2-Horse Trailer with Dressing Room. I put in all the extras to make fox hunting and showing more fun. Included: 20-gallon water tank with pump and hose, varnished wood bar with cup holders, porta potty, folding canvas chairs in dark green to match trailer trim. Wheel blocks conveniently located on fenders, teak hand grips to hold when climbing onto trailer fenders for mounting, non-skid surface on fenders. Always kept inside so condition is like-new. \$9,900 or best offer.  
Call or email Tyler 301-926-2191 or [mgrfarm@verizon.net](mailto:mgrfarm@verizon.net). 9/11



**MISC. - TRAILERS, SADDLES, TACK, ETC. Continued**

**Saddles for Sale:**

**Stubben Gaited Pleasure Saddle**, black, 20" seat and wide tree. These very comfortable, well made Stubben gaited saddles cost \$2,000 new; used ones are hard to find. Saddle is nicely broken in, with a few scuff and wear marks but overall in very good condition. Asking \$900 + Buyer pays shipping. Contact us at 301-972-7838 or email to [vandijm@aol.com](mailto:vandijm@aol.com). Pictures emailed upon request.

**Courbette English all purpose saddle**, 17" seat, medium tree. Marshall Spezial model made in Switzerland, brown leather on top, black underneath. This comfortable saddle has some wear marks but overall in very good condition. Asking \$500 + buyer pays shipping. Contact us at 301-972-7838 or email [vandijm@aol.com](mailto:vandijm@aol.com). Pictures emailed upon request. 9/11

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**For Sale:** Email: [kitten\\_val@hotmail.com](mailto:kitten_val@hotmail.com) for items listed.

- **Alamo Trail/Pleasure saddle** Alamo Trail saddle in excellent condition, 15", QH bars, caramel color, good for the horse with high withers. Asking \$450 (nylon cover included). Brand new, dark green Western pad, asking \$30.
- Brand new, **maroon A/P / Endurance pad**. Has fleece under and a pocket. Asking \$20.
- Brand new, **dark green Western pad**. The cover is on velcro, so can be removed for washing and put back on. Asking \$30. 3/11

**1997 Merhow 2-horse slant-load bumper-pull trailer** with tack room and carpeted dressing room. Ramp, roof vents, rubber mats, padded stall divider, emergency exit door and drop-down windows. Very solid and tows like a dream! \$5,000.

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## TROT Judged Pleasure Ride - Entry Information

### Open to the Public

- The Date:** September 10, 2011  
**Rain Date** September 17, 2011  
**The Time:** Check in begins at 8:30 AM, and closes at 11:00 AM on trail by 12 noon  
**The Place:** RT & 3L Farm  
4240 Jefferson Pike  
Jefferson, MD 21775  
**The Fee:** \$35 per horse/rider(pre-reg)  
Onsite registration \$45  
**The Rules:** Hard Hats required and ..  
Current negative Coggins Test required. **No pets.** No Contestant on the grounds before 7:30 AM. Please clean up after your horse at the parking area.

### What is a “Judged” Pleasure Ride?

Each rider may proceed at his or her own pace, however, they must be off the course by 3:30.

Along the trail are up to 22 stations, each announced by a sign with the station’s number. At each station is a patient and kind volunteer who is spending his / her entire day sitting at that spot watching you ride by. (Please thank them on your way through!) Each station is designed to provide some type of trail obstacle one might conceivably encounter on a pleasure ride anywhere in Maryland.

Each judge has been instructed on some general points to look for, as well as particular actions either good or bad specific to that obstacle.

The scoring will be 0 - 5, a judge would look for the horse that willingly waits its turn at the waiting place (a paper plate sign announcing the next obstacle), proceeds through the obstacle or chore with attention to its job (ears pricked, looking where its feet are going), and whose rider is cheerful, confident, and patient with his/her mount and proceeds through the obstacle or chore with forethought and safety.

### The Prizes:

Oldest rider, and Youngest rider; Champion and Reserve Champion according to highest scores, 1st – 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons for each class (see Entry Form for Class List). Also, this will be the 8th year for the Irving Abb Memorial Trophy to the Ride’s Champion.

**Bring:** Water for you and your horse and a picnic lunch.

**Questions?** Email Ride Manager Maureen Henry: [maureenhenry@comcast.net](mailto:maureenhenry@comcast.net)

**Wet trails?** Call for cancellation information  
Phone **301-676-5298**

### Directions to RT & 3L Farm

**From Howard, Carroll, and Montgomery Counties:** Rt.70 west towards Frederick/Hagerstown. Take exit 52 Rt 15 South Leesburg/340 West Virginia. Exit Mt. Zion Road and continue right from the exit ramp. At the stop sign(Jefferson Pike) turn left. Continue on Jefferson Pike approximately 4 miles. Address on right side 4240 Jefferson Pike, Jefferson, MD .  
Farm name: RT & 3L Farm.

Once you have arrived, please follow the traffic volunteers for parking.

**From Hagerstown:** Rt. 70 east towards Frederick. Take Exit 52 Rt. 15 South Leesburg/340 West Virginia. Exit Mt. Zion Road, continue to go right from the exit ramp. At the Stop sign(Jefferson Pike) turn left. Continue on Jefferson Pike approximately 4 miles. Address on right side: 4240 Jefferson Pike, Jefferson, MD.

Farm name: RT & 3L Farm.

Once you have arrived please follow traffic volunteers for parking.

### **Awards and ribbons presentation at 4:00 PM.**

**Looking forward to seeing you there!**



# TROT Judged Pleasure Ride

September 10, 2011

Location: RT & 3L Farm, 4240 Jefferson Pike, Jefferson, MD

Rain date: September 17, 2011

Check-in begins at 8:30 AM

ENTRY FORM

Please send:

Entry form (1 for each horse/rider entered)  
Entry fee of \$35. (Onsite registration will be \$45)  
Make check payable to Trail Riders of Today  
Copy of each horse's negative Coggins test required.

To: Maureen Henry  
9150 Myersville Road  
Myersville, MD 21773

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Age \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Breed (Circle one of the items below)

- A. Quarter Horse
- B. Arabian or Half Arabian
- C. Thoroughbred, Appaloosa or other non-gaited registered breed
- D. Ponies of all breeds
- F. Gaited Breed (Tenn. Walker, Missouri Fox Trotter, Rocky Mountain, Paso, Saddlebred, etc.)
- F. Warmblood
- G. Grade (no particular breed)

Has the horse ever placed in a Judged Pleasure Ride?

(Circle one of the items below)

- A. Yes
- B. No

Please circle the class that best describes you:

- A. Junior (riders under 18)
- B. Novice ( have never placed in a Judged Pleasure Ride)
- C. Placed in a judged trail ride event before

I understand that horseback riding is inherently a dangerous sport, and I agree by my signature that I will not hold Trail Riders of Today, its representatives, or RT & 3L Farm or KT Performance Horses liable for any injury or damage I or my horse or equipment may incur while participating in this competition. I also agree to abide by the rules of competition as provided by the ride management; I agree to wear a Hard Hat while mounted, as required by ride management.

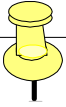
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Guardian of Junior Rider:

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## **The Back Page**

*from the Newsletter Staff*

Get Ready for the Judged Pleasure Ride!

The TROT Judged Pleasure Ride will be held on Saturday, September 10 (rain date September 17). This is TROT's big riding event, and if you have never been to a judged pleasure ride you should really think about trying it out this year. The JPR is a relaxed, non-stressful way to help your horse deal with real-life obstacles on the trail. It is great training and experience for horse and rider alike. Oh, and there are lots of prizes!

A great way to learn about a JPR is by volunteering. You don't need experience to be a judge's helper or just to provide assistance on the course or with the logistics. It is really fun being posted at one of the obstacles. You get to see such a wide variety of horses, their skills, confidence, and their quirks! And it is always impressive to see the riders who can make a nervous horse relax, or give a reluctant horse the confidence it needs.

So be sure to send in your entry form asap or consider volunteering. We are all looking forward to a wonderful ride at the beautiful venue in Frederick County.



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