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Date
Saturday, October 12, 2013
Rain Date
Sunday, October 13, 2013

Registration
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Gate opens at 8:30 AM
Last riders out at noon

Location
Maryland Sunrise Stables
106 Dairy Lane
Gambrills, MD
21057

Directions
At the light on Route 175 in Gambrills, turn onto Dairy Farm Road and drive 1/4 mile to farm entrance on the left.

Registration Fees
\$40 for pre-registered riders
\$50 on site, day of the event

Requirements
Riding helmet, when mounted
Copy of negative Coggins

*Sorry,
No Dogs Allowed*





Join us
for the fun!

2013 Annual Judged Pleasure Ride

TROT is pleased to announce that the 2013 Judged Pleasure Ride will be hosted by Maryland Sunrise Stables located on the historic site of the U.S. Naval Academy Dairy Farm. The farm, now known as Maryland Sunrise Farm, is located at 100 Dairy Lane in Gambrills, MD and is easily accessible from I-95, Route 3, Route 175 and Route 32.

Riders will traverse the farm's 857 gently rolling acres and negotiate a number of well separated obstacles in natural settings. The event will culminate with a cookout, a riding demonstration by Jeff Dwyer, winner of the 2013 PVDA Ride for Life Dancing Horse Challenge, and prizes awarded in the Junior, Adult, Breed and Green Horse/Pony classes.

Riders are encouraged to pre-register no later than October 5, 2013 by downloading the registration form from the TROT website: www.TROT-MD.org

JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE

Be a Part of It!

Everyone can participate in the TROT Judged Pleasure Ride! First, the JPR is open to both TROT members and non-members, so bring your friends and riding buddies to ride with you! Not planning to ride? There are lots of volunteer jobs available. We need judges and judge's helpers, folks to set up obstacles, and to just be available for the myriad of last minute jobs. We guarantee that you will have fun, meet a lot of nice people, and see a lot of great trail riding. Contact Kyle Jossi if you would like to volunteer (301-706-3714 or countrygirlkyle@gmail.com)

Entry Form on page 10.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TROT's Annual Judged Pleasure Ride

Everyone be sure to save the date! TROT's Annual Judged Pleasure Ride will be held on October 12, 2013, with a rain date of October 13. The ride will be held in a beautiful new venue – the Maryland Sunrise Stables, in Gambrills Maryland. So what is a Judged Pleasure Ride? It is a trail course with occasional obstacles where judges evaluate each horse's performance through each obstacle. Judging criteria include the horse's attentiveness, willingness, and confidence. Obstacles are designed to simulate real-world situations – like a wooden bridge, small creek, or maybe simulated "trash" dumped by a trail. They are NOT designed to overstress a horse or rider (remember it is a "Pleasure" ride!). The JPR is a great way for a rider to show off what a horse has learned over years of trail riding or to help a younger horse have a wonderful confidence-building experience. This year we will also have a cookout and a riding demonstration by Jeff Dwyer, winner of the 2013 PVDA Ride for Life Dancing Horse Challenge. Prizes will be awarded in the Junior, Adult, Breed and Green Horse/Pony Classes. So bring your horse, bring a friend (non-TROT members are welcome), and prepare to have a great day.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome, New TROT Members

Dick Huffman

TROT New members June thru Mid August 2013

Welcome to our new members.

Joan Worrall, Baltimore County
Claire Buchanan, Montgomery County
Diana Delmar, Montgomery County
Diane Farace, Carroll County
Winnie Neunzig, Montgomery County
Caitlyn Stoddard, Howard County
Nancy Andrew, Baltimore County
Sara Erdle, Montgomery County
Laura Tenner, Anne Arundel County

TROT'S TOTAL FAMILY MEMBERS NOW NUMBER 481.

ARE YOUR RIDING BUDDIES AND STABLE MATES TROT MEMBERS?

Priscilla Huffman

You are the best recruiter for TROT! Please encourage your riding friends who may not be members to join us in our important mission of trail preservation. There is power in numbers! Membership forms are available on TROT's web site www.trot-md.org under the membership tab.

ADOPT A TRAIL

Help Maintain Your Trails

Please sign up to help maintain your trails you use on a daily basis. I will come out and help you get started. Fall is right around the corner and a great time to take on a section of trail. We all take care of our trails but need to formally report on how much time we spend taking care of our trails. We also need to work with land managers to get permission and collaborate our efforts. Ideally we will have one spokes person for each park etc. and they will be the contact for that land manager so that the park managers will not be overwhelmed with emails and duplicate reports.

Please feel free to contact me and talk about this exciting new program.

Amy Kimble 301-748-8310 AmyHkimble@aol.com

Registration form on page 9.

TROT LOGO WEAR

New TROT Logo Wear Vendor Selected

The TROT Executive Board recently voted to provide you with a way to shop for your favorite TROT Logo Wear and other items such as mugs, saddle pads, even banners, in your pajamas! That's right – from the comfort of your home computer screen, at 2 in the morning, you can search for and select various items that you would like to emblazon with our club's logo. Say It! Graphics, located at 239 South Main St, Mt. Airy, MD 21771, is a full-service company providing screen printing and embroidery promotional products, as well as sign and vehicle lettering and custom decals. Chrissy Jongezoon, owner and operator, is ready to take your order. So, stop by the store, give Chrissy a call at 301-829-5959, or jump into your jammies and go to <http://www.sayitgraphics.com>. Email web@sayitgraphics.net for inquiries or to order.

Need it today?? Drive by and see existing TROT Logo Wear that Say It! Graphics is handling for TROT.

As an added bonus, TROT earns money every time you make a purchase!

CALL FOR RIDE LEADERS

Volunteer to Lead a Trail Ride

Now is prime riding time. The horses are in better shape than in the spring, the bugs are beginning to taper off and the temps are falling.

Contact: Stephanie Cacopardo, sladyhawk@msn.com, (240) 876-9689

RIDE REPORT

New Market Ride, August 17

Stephanie Cacopardo



We had a great turn out for Saturday's ride. Perfect weather and great people and horses made for a wonderful ride. With any group of 15 people, some problems were inevitable. Although the footing was quite suitable for barefoot, some folks had shoes 'cause of where they usually ride and some horses wore boots. It has been awhile since I have used them myself, but the hoof boot thing has come a ways from the original easy-boot. Now that I think about it, I'm not sure why called them easy boots. False advertising. They were kinda tough to put on, difficult to pull the front cable tight and damn near impossible to pull off, especiall in cold weather. In all fairness, it wasn't the cold weather that made the task impossible, it was the frozen fingers attempting to grip and pull. They were reliable though, and I bought and used my share. That was the wind up, here's the pitch. Someone got a flat. It was difficult to find a spot to stop along the trail that would keep everyone happy once, but roadside assistance was needed three times. Just a shout out to those who ride a groups. We are not in the wilderness, the trails are usually well marked and frequently ridden and horses know stuff, especially where other horse are, so we do not need to ride so close as to never lose sight of



the horses' tail in front of you. String out a few riders from the group left behind and if all else fails, just pick up the pace a bit to catch up, especially if everyone ahead of you is walking. Besides, if you ride that close, then the view directly in front of you never changes. I have been riding cross country for some time and have yet to pass a landmark like, " Oh yeah. See that pile of bones over there? Some fool got lost out here on their horse. It was the fall of '09 I think. We had a spell of unseasonably beautiful weather and they must have thought they could handle it. Too bad. They were only a mile

in any direction from a road." We also had a youngster ponied on a pony. She did quite well, especially off lead in the woods. She was able to stay on even through a trickey, steep down, over and up stream crossing. That's where balance and good, firm seat will win out over grabbing the saddle horn every time. Once back, our swimming plans were thwarted by honey bees that held us at bay



at the gravel pond entry. It looked like half the hive was there for a drink. We retired back to the house for a sit in the shade w/lots of good food and conversation

TRAIL STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

Golden Nuggets from the July 2013 Trail Stewardship Workshop

Barbara Sollner-Webb

Having good trails that are suitable and open for horseback riding is not a God-given right, but a privilege we need to appreciate, strive for, work to maintain, and ensure that we and other don't abuse. Indeed, these are founding principles of TROT.

TROT kindly sponsored Maria Schwartz and Barbara Sollner-Webb to attend a WONDERFUL 3-day "Trail Stewardship Workshop" (July 29-31, 2013, in State College, Pennsylvania) given by Gwen Wills (the Trail Stewardship Program Director) and Bud Wills (the State Trail Chair) of the Pennsylvania Equine Council. This couple is extremely knowledgable in the politics and the mechanics of trail upkeep and trail construction/re-construction. Other attendees included private citizens who are interested in equestrian trails, some already active in organized groups at particular venues, plus a number of individuals from various State Agencies involved with trails. Two of the very full days were devoted to lectures and talks and one to field work at the Bald Eagle National Forest. We had a great time and learned SO much!

The workshop stressed the importance of (1) not riding when sections of the trail are wet and encouraging other riders to follow this proactive policy, (2) not making new rogue (un-approved) trails, and (3) working WITH agency folks who administer the park, forest, game reserve, or whatever the venue BEFORE initiating ANY trail work. Not following these principles frequently results in losing trail privileges!

We learned a great deal about the design and construction of sustainable trails, favored methods of re-routing and fixing problematic spots in existing trails, including the proper use of

Trail Stewardship Workshop - Continued

new synthetic materials (such as "geotextile" and "geocell") to help stabilize the ground for gravel application and about different sizes of gravel, why and how to use various trail tools, and even about packing with equines to bring in materials when that is advantageous. Sustainable multi-use trails should be laid out in a manner most suitable for that particular terrain, away from wet areas. When possible, trails should meander diagonally on a hillside, going up at only limited grade and having a slight outflow to favor drainage (done with a bench-cut if the hillside's "sideslope" is steep). Trails should also incorporate other water diversions and have removed all "duff" (rotting leaves and other organic materials that would retain water). It was also stressed to trim tree branches back to about 1/3 inch from the trunk or a major fork, to favor healing. Accordingly our day of field work at the Bald Eagle National Forest involved laying out a new, sustainable trail connection and a new, sustainable stream crossing with horse-friendly steps (the latter involving a frame constructed from salvaged telephone poles, cut with a chain saw, drilled, and secured with rebar, then a Geotextile lining, and filled with rocks and gravel).

The workshop also stressed the importance of "Leave No Trace" (the seven key principles of which include Plan Ahead and Prepare, Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces, Dispose of Waste Properly, Leave What You Find, Minimize Campfire Impacts, Respect Wildlife, and Be Considerate of Other Visitors). This trail courtesy extends to always cleaning up your horse's poop from all public areas, as well as removing the hay etc. from the area where you park your trailer and tie up your horse. And when you tie up your horse, it is important to cross-tie using tree savers, rather than tie to a single tree, whose bark they will strip. Also, for safety, it is good to verbally greet passing hikers, bikers, etc. so your horse does not get startled by them.

Maria and Barbara are anxious to encourage others to get involved with trail maintenance. Please contact us with any questions mariaeschwartz@verizon.net, bsw@jhmi.edu.

JUST FOR FUN TRAIL CONFERENCE QUIZ

The goal for the National parks is _____

What percentage of National Trails are to standard

- a. 65%
- b. 48%
- c. 25%
- d. 34%

The National Forest service has _____ million acres

- a. 58
- b. 193
- c. 250
- d. 130

There are _____ miles of trails on National Forest Land

- a. 110,000
- b. 68,000
- c. 245,000
- d. 157,000

Wilderness Society has 5 principles:

assist, foster, work, perpetuate common sense and _____.

AQHA only offers programs for Quarter Horse Owners T F

AQHA's largest member base c. use horses for recreation

- a. work making a living with horses
- b. formal competition horses
- d. do not own horses

Horseback riding is increasing or decreasing in popularity,

What should stay on trails and what should stay off trails?

What is being found in the water that is a huge issue

- a. fertilizer
- b. pharmaceuticals
- c. herbicides and insecticides
- d. chemicals
- e. all of the above

Three things that are assessed in trail studies are

- a. trail widening
- b. excessive muddiness
- c. soil loss
- d. all of the above

Ideal trail grade is between

- 0-2%
- 3-6%
- 7-10%
- greater than 14%
- 11-14%

All new trails should have rolling grade dips or grade reversals T F

Answers: 1) Build memories that last a life time. 2) C, 3) B, 4) D, 5) Educate, 6) F, 7) C, 8) currently increasing, projected to be up 85 percent by 2060, 9) Users stay on, WATER stay off 10) E, 11) D, 12) Ideal trail grade is between 3-6 percent according to a Va. Tech study 13) T

FALL DEER HUNTING SEASON IS STARTING

Helpful Safety Tips and Hunting Dates

Nancy Osgood

Keep some simple safety tips in mind while trail riding during hunting season:

- Be aware of the hunting seasons in your area.
- 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. There are also fluorescent orange items for your horse, including saddle pads and fly veils. Many riders have their horses sport a bell to let hunters know they are approaching.
- Try to stay in open areas, where there is good visibility. 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.

Please always be respectful to lawful hunters – their licensing fees provide important funding for our parks.

Maryland State hunting dates for 2013-14 are outlined below. For more detailed information, you are encouraged to check the Maryland State Department of Natural Resources website: <http://dnr.maryland.gov>. Complete hunting information is included in the Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping which can be downloaded from the DNR website. In Maryland there are two hunting regions, Region A (Allegany and Garrett counties and the western part of Washington county) and Region B (all other counties). In most cases, the dates are nearly the same but the bag limits differ. Individual counties may have managed hunts and special requirements. Since most TROT members live and ride in Region B, the following dates were compiled for that region. The complete list of public lands is included in the Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping.

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

Deer Hunting Season - Continued

Archery season starts September 6. Archery (bow hunting) season is September 6 - October 16; October 21 - November 29; December 16-20; January 6-9; January 13-31. Riders should

note that bow hunting is also allowed at Liberty, Loch Raven, and Prettyboy Reservoirs during the entire deer bow season, subject to special rules and regulations.

Muzzleloader season starts October 17. Muzzleloader season is October 17-26 and December 21-January 4.

Junior firearms season: November 16 and 17 (Sunday junior hunt day on private land only).

Regular firearms season: November 30 - December 14; and January 10-11.

Sunday Deer Hunting: Sunday deer hunting (bow, muzzleloader, and firearms) is permitted on private lands in many Maryland counties. The dates vary from county to county, so check the Sunday hunting schedule for the two regions

Managed Hunts and Park Police Sharpshooters: The state and some counties have deer management programs that include managed hunts on public lands, as well as police sharpshooters. State parks that have managed hunts include Fair Hill (Cecil County), Gunpowder Falls (Baltimore and Harford Counties), and Fort Frederick (Washington County), Patapsco Valley (Baltimore), Seneca Creek (Montgomery), Blossom Point Army Research Lab (Charles County, junior hunters only), Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (Anne Arundel County). Montgomery and Howard Counties have managed hunts and police-based sharpshooting in many county parks, as do other counties. The dates for managed hunts are posted in parks, and may be listed on county websites. As of August 12, park closure dates had not been listed on the websites for Montgomery or Howard Counties.

Game other than Deer: Riders should be aware that there are legal hunting seasons throughout the year for game other than deer. Consult the Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping.

TROT RIDE LIST

Ride Rules

Stephanie Cacapardo, Trail Ride Coordinator

TROT needs you! Trail Ride Leaders needed for 2013. If there's a park you love to ride in and would like to show it to others, please consider leading a ride. No experience needed.

Please contact Stephanie Cacapardo at scladyhawk@msn.com or call 240-876-9689.

- 1- You must contact the ride leader to save a spot on the ride.
- 2- Check the [TROT web site](#) to see if there is any change in the trail ride schedule

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.

Sept. 7 - Cederville State Forest

Cedarville State Forest has nearly 20 miles of trails that wind their way through pine and hardwood forests with a few clearings. Most trails are single track and flat but there are a few hills.

Not many rocks but you might encounter some gravel which has been put down to improve wet areas. The trails can be hard packed in dry weather. Expect some bridges and tree roots and possibly hikers and mountain bikers. The pace will be walk/trot with some cantering if the group wishes, and the ride will be approximately 8-10 miles long. The grassy parking area is a nice place for a picnic, so bring along some food and a chair if you'd like to eat afterwards.

CONTACT - RIDE LEADER - JUDIE ARTMAN - 301-627-7939

October 26 & 27 - Upper Patuxent River State Park, Damascus

October 26, Saturday - This ride will be a 2+ hour loop, at the walk with perhaps a jog, and returning to the trailers for lunch. Come in Halloween costume! 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 27, Sunday - This ride will be about 4 hours long, moving briskly at gait/trot. Come in Halloween costume! 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. 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.

Contact: Suzanne in the evenings at 301. 829.3881 or at trailsendfarm@verizon.net.

SUZANNE ANDERSON RIDE LEADER - 301. 829.3881 OR AT TRAILSENDFARM@VERIZON.NET.

COUNTY COORDINATORS

BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWS

Priscilla Huffman

The Baltimore County chapter of TROT met at the home of Monika and Roger Munn on July 23. Twelve members and guests attended, including Lou Kousouris, Michele Mosler and Joe VanHorn from Camp Puhtok in Monkton.

The primary current trail project for our chapter is the Hereford section of Gunpowder Falls State Park. Monika, Dick and Priscilla met July 18 with Jack Schutter, volunteer coordinator for the park, to introduce TROT and learn more about the park's volunteer initiatives. Jack reviewed park policies, and suggested that we schedule a training class once we have several volunteers signed up through the DNR program. There is not an active volunteer mounted patrol in the park, although there has been in the past, so this may be an opportunity for TROT members.

On July 24, Dick and Priscilla met at the large Bunker Hill Rd. parking lot with Andrew Hangen, assistant manager for Gunpowder park, and Ranger Sarah Witcher, Northern Area Manager. The Bunker Hill trail was once popular with riders, but has some trail obstacles currently. We walked part of the trail to observe a section of steep step-downs, not negotiable by horses, where erosion has washed away the trail. The Hereford section of the park is designated as wildlands, meaning it is an especially sensitive environmental area, and creating a go-around trail requires additional approval within DNR.

Following these meetings, a large tree and two other smaller trees which had been blocking another part of the Bunker Hill trail were promptly removed. Recently, a tree that was blocking the Panther Branch trail was also cleared. The DNR staff has been very responsive and we look forward to building our TROT volunteer group with them, and assisting in the care of this beautiful state park.

We are also building a database of local stables and barns to network with additional trail riders.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 24 at Camp Puhtok in Monkton. A tour of the camp is available at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. The camp emphasizes leadership, teamwork, appreciation of nature and discovering America's heritage. We are working on a program where the campers could assist with trail maintenance projects as part of their camp program. This is a great opportunity to get younger "trail riders of tomorrow" involved.

TROT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Equestrian Trails

Nancy Osgood

TROT held a membership meeting on August 21, 2013, on equestrian trails – a topic near and dear to all our hearts. The meeting was held at the Damascus Public Library, and about 35 members and friends attended. Barbara Sollner-Webb and Maria Schwartz reported on information they received at the three day 2013 Pennsylvania Equine Council's Trail Stewardship Workshop. They also had some great photographs of trail work that the group did at Bald Eagle



"Turnpiking" a trail – building up low, wet areas to ensure proper water drainage



Work at the Pennsylvania Trails Seminar. Removing "duff" from the trails. This organic material (decayed leaves, etc.) absorbs and holds water on the trail.

National Forest. Amy Kimble reported on the National Equestrian Trails Conference she attended on behalf of TROT. Amy also provided a lot of hands-on information about trails construction, maintenance, and in particular forming partnerships to persevere and maintain trails. She strongly encouraged folks to get out there and commit to trails by volunteering to clear trails – either in an organized trail work group or individually through the Adopt-a-Trail program. A huge thank-you to our speakers. Not only did they provide an interesting and informative talk, but they have all been leaders in keeping our equestrian trails open. Here is the summary from the meeting:

Keep abreast of potential loss of trails

- WSSC, Benson Branch, North Tract are recent lessons-learned, where individuals and TROT as an organization made a real difference in keeping trails open to horses.
- Let TROT officers / board members know if you hear about threats to equestrian trails.

Every time you ride!

- Trails are a gift – not a right – we all must work together to protect them and protect our access.
- Don't ride when the trails are wet – remember the greatest danger to trails is WATER.
- Always stay on established trails – don't make shortcuts or alternate trails.
- Note trail problems such as downed trees or excessive erosion – call the land manager where you ride.
- Be informed about what maintenance you can do when you ride – and how to do it properly.
- Leave no trace – be respectful of other park users – always clean up manure from parking areas or other public areas.
- Remind others about these rules (be diplomatic!).

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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.

Benson Branch Park

Sandy Brewer Email sandbrewer@aol.com

Blockhouse Point (Farm Loop on Canal at Violettes Lock)

Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Breezy Loop, Boyds, MD an easy hour and 15 minutes.

Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Cactoctin Mountain Park and Little Bennett

Marilynn Miller (301) 898-7274

Croom, Md area, South of PG Equestrian Center

I am the trail historian for this area. I can keep you riding over different trails for 6 hours! People would leave from my farm in Croom & can ride to Patuxent River Park (Jug Bay), the Wildlife Sanctuary and Spice Creek Park. I am available Fri-Sat-Sun-Mon as a tour guide. Carol CAAuletta@aol.com or (301) 579-2342

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 Greenway Trail that goes to Patuxent! 10 miles round trip
Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Gunpowder State Park (Harford County)

Joyce Browning (410) 557-6165 / (443) 966-0249

Little Bennett Park

Jim and Maureen Henry (301) 676-5298.

Mont. Co. side of Patuxent River State Park, Rachel Carson and Rock Creek Park,

Laury Lobel (301) 774-9595 or laurylobel@verizon.net

Patapsco State Park off Marriotsville Road

She is available during the week and weekend and would love to show other TROT members the trails.
Elizabeth Baran C: (410) 245-8942

Sugarloaf Mt.

Vicki Bazan (301) 831-8715 or Janine Borofka (301) 874-0770

Union Mills/Kowomu Trail

Also Liberty Reservoir trails [off Deer Park Road] , Morgan Run Trails and Codorus Park [in PA].
Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691 or smink.ivy@gmail.com

WSSC/Rocky Gorge trail

(Supplee Lane in PG to Tucker Lane in Montgomery County).
Barbara Sollner-Webb
e-mail bsw@jhmi.edu, H(301-604-5619), W (410-955-6278).

West Friendship Park and the North Tract of Patuxent Wildlife Refuge Research Center near Ft Meade

Kathy Coviello, 732-768-3302.

Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD

Karen Kraushaar (301) 208-0767 or kraushaar@verizon.net

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

Adopt a Trail

TROT is piloting an adopt a trail program!

The idea of the program is to have horseback riders trim and report down trees, muddy areas, etc., on the trails that are utilized by them on a regular basis. Please maintain a very simple work log so we can coordinate time spent by our members. TROT is very interested in tracking time spent on trail work. These hours translate into dollars for the parks and shared land use trail areas. It will also give equestrians a voice at public forums in which we have a vested interest. TROT can then organize the removal of down trees, trail re-routes and chain sawing by going through land management supervisors to obtain authorization.

We are trying to avoid unauthorized reroutes and riders from simply going around down trees. We can take responsibility for our trails.

We have to realize that most trails are multi use and we need to collaborate with our fellow users.

This program can be provided throughout the entire TROT member area. In the past Montgomery, Howard, and Frederick were areas concentrated on most just because of where I lived and the time I had to devote to my mission. I have had to step down due to family responsibilities but I am still driven to see horseback riders step up and do their part to build and maintain sustainable trails.

Call Amy Kimble (TROT's past Trail Work Coordinator) at 301-748-8310 or email AmyKimble@aol.com with any questions.

Please consider volunteering by filling out the form below:

Call Amy Kimble (TROT past coordinator) at 301-748-8310 or e-mail amykimble@aol.com, with any questions.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TRAIL SYSTEM OR AREA YOU RIDE: _____

CONTACT INFO.:

E-MAIL _____

CELL/PHONE: _____

DATE: _____

COUNTY: _____

STATE: _____

Mail form to: Amy Kimble 9622 Woodsboro Road, Frederick, MD 21701



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
2013 TROT Judged Pleasure Ride
October 12, 2013
(Rain date: October 13, 2013)

**Please leave
your dogs at
home!**

Rider's Name _____ Age _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____@_____ Phone (____) _____ - _____
 Horse's Name _____ Age _____

Rider Classification (check only one class below)

- Junior - 17 years old and under: All Juniors
- Adult - 18 years old and over: Novice (never placed in a Judged Pleasure Ride)
 Open (all other Adults)

Horse Classification (check only one class below)

- Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa, Paint
 Thoroughbred, Warmblood, other Registered/Non-registered and crosses
 Gaited Breeds and Ponies of all Breeds (e.g. Tennessee Walker, Missouri Fox Trotter, Rocky Mountain, Paso Fino, Icelandic, Saddlebred)
 Green Horse or Pony (first time in organized competition)

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 (TROT), the property owner, or their representatives liable for any injury or damage that 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 and **to wear an ASTM certified riding helmet while mounted.**

Signature _____ Date ____/____/2013
 Parent/Guardian of Junior Rider _____ Date ____/____/2013

Registration Requirements

- ✓ One completed entry form for each horse and rider (can be downloaded from www.trot-md.org),
- ✓ A copy of a negative Coggins test result for each horse entered,
- ✓ Payment of the entry fee for each horse & rider as follows:
 - \$40.00 - pre-registration no later than October 5, 2013 (check only, payable to TROT) or
 - \$50.00 - on the day of the event (cash or check payable to TROT).

To pre-register, mail completed forms, fees and Coggins results to: **Judy Thacher**
PO Box 3241
Westminster, MD 21158

CLASSIFIED ADS

To place an ad email: nlogood@verizon.net

TROT Members: One regular (100 word) ad FREE!

Non-member rates:

Classified ads	
\$6.00 for first 100 words - \$0.10 for each additional word	
Business Card	\$6.00
1/4 page ad	\$25
1/2 page ad	\$40
Full page ad	\$75
Insert (all copies delivered to our printer)	\$50

BOARDING , HORSE PROPERTY

UNIQUE BOARDING OPPORTUNITY - in Olney/Sandy Spring. Self care, 2 or 3 horses. Beautiful barn with 2 stalls that open directly onto pasture. Large tack room. Access to miles of trails, ride to Brooke Grove Farm, quick ride to Liggins for Pony Club. Use of barn and pastures in exchange for sharing your love of horses with the owner's 3 children. They are new to horses but love to help at the barn and have the opportunity to ride your horse (with supervision of course.) For further information, call Chris or Susan Milner 301-961-9353 or email: susanreynolds@hotmail.com

LOOKING FOR A GOOD NEIGHBOR - When we moved to our new farm in Sykesville, we discovered that this is a very horse-friendly area. Recently, a small farm on our lane has gone up for sale. We'd love to have to some fellow trail riders as neighbors. The house is a cute 1920's updated farm house. Three acres, easy access to Piney Run Park, trails off property, and close to Morgan Run. Two nice pastures with run-ins and a large tack/storage area. Address is 2 Sheppard Lane. Contact Randy Ripley (listing agent) at randy@believeinripley.com. \$475K. Kyle Jossi countrygirlkyle@gmail.com 7/13

WEST LAUREL STABLE - Horse Boarding at its best! We provide a friendly and relaxed environment for pleasure riding. You and your horse will feel very comfortable. Riders will enjoy the new 80 x 200 ft ring and access to the beautiful trails on the WSSC watershed (also known as the Rocky Gorge or Supplee trails). Your horse will enjoy the quiet landscape with rolling hills and nice pastures, and will receive excellent care by our dedicated staff. Come see our barn, conveniently located in West Laurel. Call John at 301-332-2688 to arrange a visit. \$425/ per month stall board. 8/13

FREE BOARD/LEASE IN EXCHANGE FOR

WORK - in Brookeville, MD: Field board/lease available in exchange for work on horse farm in Brookeville, MD. Large fields with run-in shelters and round pen with direct access to Rachel Carson, Patuxent and Hawlings River trails. Great trail horse available for lease or bring your own. Trailing available to other parks, TROT rides, LOMH events and overnight/camping rides at cost. Work includes any combination of feeding, cleaning, mucking, fence work, mowing, etc. Call Corinne for more details at 301-260-1830.

THISTLEHILL FARM is a small private licensed Maryland boarding farm near Lisbon, MD. We offer full service field boarding with individualized care, excellent pastures/ shelter, a lighted outdoor arena, round pen, wash racks and more. Our current (as of October 2012) boarding rate is \$325 per month. The farm is located a short 5 mile drive from Patuxent Park, with hours of trails for you to enjoy. We are the perfect place for your retired or semiretired horse or pony. For more information please call the farm at 410-489-4752 or visit our Blog at: <http://thistlehillfarm.wordpress.com/> 11/12

HORSES- SALE, LEASE OR FREE

THREE HORSES FOR LEASE OR HALF-LEASE
(1) Zippo black pine for half lease. 16.2 black gelding needs experienced rider .does dressage eventing and all round good horse. (2) Dark bay Quarter horse gelding. Non-spooky - excellent for children or first time riders, soft mouth, can ride English or Western. (3) Fully Reg Zippo Black Pine quarter horse gelding does trails hunters and cross country. Ride western or English . Can pick up trail at end road from barn. Not spooky. For info call Carol at 240-447-5186 7/11

REGISTERED PAINT MARE FOR LEASE - HF Copper Artist, aka Penny, is a 20 year old registered Paint mare, about 14.3 hh. She was a trail horse for most of her life, and has been doing therapeutic riding since November 2012. She is extremely easy to handle on the ground, quiet and friendly. Under saddle she is happiest as a low-key, walk/ trot trail horse. She will go out alone or in a group and can be ridden English or Western, including neck-reining. Best for a confident beginner.

Prefer on-site lease - farm has direct access to the Breezy Loop trail and is near several other trails in Montgomery County. Will also consider local off-site lease.

Email mneff@greatandsmallride.org for more information, or call 301-349-0075 8/13

REG. MORGAN FOR SALE - 12 yo, 15.2hh, bay gelding. Started by my dressage instructor at 3 and has continued with lessons since then- I am the limiting factor. Health issues force sale. Mostly trail ridden, a few low level shows where he did well, jumps nicely, UTD on shots. Good for farrier, vet, bathing, trailering, x-ties. Friendly, in your pocket horse. Has always been sound, comes when called, loves to work and be around people. Located in Thurmont-but can bring him to you as I don't have a great place to show a horse. Doris 301-271-4919 or email drinehart2011@comcast.net 8/13

IRON DANCER - Horse for Adoption!!!! Iron is a great trail riding horse whether leading or following. He is curious and forward moving, does not spook at things and truly enjoys having a job to do. He stands in cross ties nicely, is good for the vet, dentist and farrier. He is ready for his new home, has been off the track for over a year and a half and has found his new discipline. He is a pure thoroughbred, but looks more like a cross with a quarter horse, very solid build. He did have an injury from racing, but has made a great recovery and ready for his new family! His adoption fee is \$1,500.00, those proceeds go back to helping another thoroughbred go through the program! Contact Stacie Nichols 443-324-6128 Cell, Renaissance Equestrian Foundation, www.renaissanceequestrianfoundation.org 7/13

WANTED: Retirement home for my wonderful trail horse, Tucker, a well-mannered 22 year old gelding. Willing to pay for some care. Contact Naomi @ 301-279-7994 7/13

Because of my health problems I must sadly give up keeping horses. So I have for sale:

REGISTERED MISSOURI FOX TROTTER MARE - 14 years old. Good on trail. I want a place where she will be ridden and loved. Asking \$600. Sally Barnhart 301-508-7355 9/13

MISC. - TRAILERS, SADDLES, TACK, ETC

Because of my health problems I must sadly give up keeping horses. So I have for sale:

MORITZ TWO-HORSE SLANT LOAD STOCK TRAILER - Tack room, mats and removable window inserts. Used lightly. Bumper pull. \$3500. Located near Boonsboro, MD. Sally Barnhart 301-508-7355 9/13

SERVICES

THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK RIDING

Looking for riders with disabilities of all kinds. I work at 3 different barns in Montgomery County, North Potomac, Boyds & Dickerson which borders Frederick County. There are openings at all 3 barns and we accept most disabilities. Speak to me about your goals, your concerns & your schedule.

Volunteer opportunities also available. Contact Nancy Heller 301-251-0619 nancyhellerk2@gmail.com

PATH International Certified Instructor 8/13

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Janet Young, PhD, EEBW 202-997-2378 janet@goldray.com / www.equine-equanimity.com

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Janet Young janet@goldray.com 11/12

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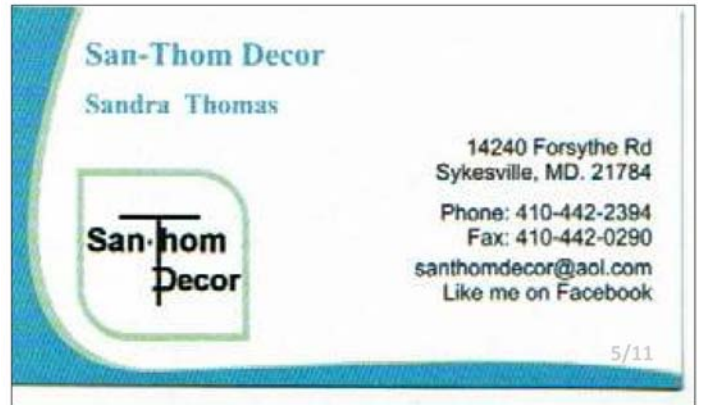
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LOOKING FOR RIDING BUDDIES AND NEED A RIDE/SHARE A RIDE

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.

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 443-842-0811 . email: sdoukashorse@yahoo.com

LOOKING FOR A HORSE TO GO ON TROT RIDES - I would like to ride your horse (if you have an extra one) on a Sat. TROT trail ride. I currently ride 3-4 days a week, but the horse I lease does not trailer well. I would love to meet you at your farm, or at the trail site. I live in Potomac & would be happy to share all expenses. Nancy Heller 301-251-0619 nancyhellerk2@gmail.com



TRAIL RIDERS OF TODAY
Richard J. Huffman, TROT Membership
35 Cinder Road, Timonium, Md 21093-4233

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TROT JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE - TROT's 2013 Judged Pleasure Ride will be held on October 12 (rain date October 13) at Maryland Sunrise Stables in Gambrills, MD – a wonderful new venue! This is our signature event of the year – designed to be a lot of fun for you and your horse. Don't miss it!

TROT MEMBERSHIP MEETING. TROT held a membership meeting on August 21, 2013, on equestrian trails – a topic near and dear to all our hearts.

RIDE LEADERS WANTED! Now is prime riding time. The horses are in better shape than in the spring, the bugs are beginning to taper off and the temps are falling. Contact: Stephanie Cacopardo, scladyhawk@msn.com, (240) 876-9689