President’s Message

I hope all of you are well and enjoying these wonderful trails we have here in Maryland.

I feel the need to clarify the purpose of TROT since now is the time we start looking for those few who wish to be a part of our wonderful organization and join the TROT Board. Not only do we have great trail rides and work towards having clinics you will learn and enjoy participating in, we advocate for trails and your right to use those trails. TROT does not get involved in politics or promote any person for political office. TROT will keep our members informed of what is relevant to trails and trail riding. To help you make a decision I am posting Article 3 from our bylaws. Come join a great group of dedicated individuals. New ideas are always needed and welcomed.

ARTICLE THREE PURPOSES

This association is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, and may not engage in any activity that would preclude it from qualifying for an exemption from federal income taxes under 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code taxes under 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In particular, the purposes of this association are:

(a) To obtain, maintain, preserve and promote open space and equestrian trails for public recreational use and for the ecological and aesthetic benefit of the community.
(b) To work with land developers and owners to create new trails and preserve existing trails.
(c) To seek inclusion of a trail system within various county organization’s master plans.
(d) To educate citizens and members with respect to trail riding and proper horse care by the use of newsletter, the media and other publications, and clinics and workshops.
(e) To promote trail riding in all forms such as pleasure riding, competitive riding, and endurance riding, and to foster amateur equestrian competitions in these forms of trail riding.
(f) To promote the interests of riders and non-riders in all phases of horse management, English or western pleasure riding, cross-country riding, combined training, dressage, stadium jumping, and trail riding.
(g) To promote safe riding, proper horse care and etiquette at all times.
The Lisbon Christmas Parade

TROT will be in the Lisbon Parade!
We still need riders and volunteers to help.
Please contact Fritzi Grow to find out how you can help.
The parade starts at 12 pm, but be there early for good parking and seating.

TROT'S BOARD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

November Starts TROT'S Board Membership Drive

Would you like to be a part of a fantastic group that has helped preserve the trails you ride on? Per our bylaws, we start looking for those special individuals that are willing to give up an evening once a month to be a part of and help guide TROT into its next 40 years. Yes, we will be 40 years old in 2020. If you would like to join us, please contact any one of us on the Nominating committee. Gale Monahan – gmtwh3@gmail.com; Deneen Martin – deneenmartin7@gmail.com; or Fritzi Grow – frgrow77@gmail.com.

Please see the President’s message for further information.

TROT Membership News

Renew your Membership!

Dear Members,
We are approaching that time of year for membership renewals. But you don’t have to wait for that renewal reminder – you can visit the TROT website (https://trot-md.org/) and renew, either electronically using PayPal or downloading the application form and mailing it along with your check to TROT’s PO Box.
BTW, the application form is your opportunity to sign up family members, request extra membership cards, express interest in TROT activities, and, most important, keep your contact information up to date. Even if you've been a member for years, please fill out the form: your life changes more than you think.

Welcome New Members!

Name - MD County
Carolyn Nordberg - Montgomery
Angelica and Jim Driskell - Carroll
Albert Ramer - Baltimore
Laura Martindale - Carroll
Julie Madill - Baltimore
Lisa, John, Bronson, and Mckenna Fischer - Charles
Shirley Williams - Charles
Nancy Thayer - Carroll
Marian Dombrowski - Prince Georges
Katie King - Montgomery

Welcome Back!

Ivy Smink - Carroll
Recent TROT Trail Rides

Report organized by Barbara Sollner-Webb, TROT’s Trail Ride Coordinator

TROT has now held our last ride of the 2018 season -- the swell Anacostia ride that John Angevine kindly leads each year (see below). Tallying up our TROT rides for the year shows that of the 51 rides we hoped to hold, 30 had to be cancelled or postponed (due to rain, too wet ground, or such) but we were able to hold 21 TROT rides. While that is a perfectly respectable number of rides, the disappointing less-than-50% success rate reflects this year’s abnormally wet spring and summer. Hopefully next year Mother Nature will let TROT hold a larger fraction of our planned rides.

We need to give a special call of appreciation to Stephanie Brennan, TROT’s marvelously energetic Carroll County coordinator, who led and/or organized nearly 1/3 of the TROT rides this year. Wow! Thank you, Stephanie!

The period since the last newsletter was the least soggy time of the riding season, so we were able to have six of the nine planned rides for TROT members. They were:

The League of Maryland Horsemen's Invitational on Friday, October 5 to Sunday, October 7 (that TROT members were invited to attend):

Joyce Bell kindly sent in the following report: The League of Maryland’s annual Invitational Ride, the first weekend in October, saw about 40 friends, some old and some new, engaged in fun-filled activities: riding, sharing stories, playing games in the clubhouse (the "ITSY" game was especially entertaining) and of course (over?) eating! Three guides were available for those who wanted to go on a scenic, medium, or gaited (faster and longer) ride. Thanks to the heroic efforts of League members, the trails were cleared and generally in pretty good shape considering all the wind and rain that preceded the event. The Invitational is the one time that non-League members are invited to camp. It is a marvelous way to learn about the League’s campground and facilities and to learn about Patapsco's trail network, too. I encourage everyone to put the Invitational on their calendars in 2019.

Fairland Park ride on Saturday, October 6

Led and reported by Barbara Sollner-Webb: After a few initial near-glitches, we had a delightful nice ride at Fairland Park (in Burtonsville, MD). First, players for the many ball games had filled our usual parking area on the Montgomery County side of the park, but fortunately there is another nice horse trailer parking area on the Prince George’s side (just off Old Gunpowder Road at the entrance to the golf course) that was empty for us to use. Then it was discovered that one rider had forgotten her girth, but that also worked out fine as we were able to attach someone else's spare English girth to her Western saddle using bailing twine (see photo). We also took time to be good horse- emissaries, as many kids at this park have never seen a horse "up close and personal" and are thrilled to be introduced (see photo). Then we had a lovely ride on these great trails, followed by a yummy pot-luck lunch. A good time was had by all. Riders left to right: Barbara Sollner-Webb, Ed Mikus, Ellen Frank, and Laury Lobel. [Note that 3/4 of the horses on this ride were Icelandics.]

Ag Farm Park ride on Wednesday, October 10

Led by Laury Lobel, this was a make-up of a rained out "Last Thursday of the <month>" ride. It was attended by eight riders who had a wonderful time, both on the ride and at the pot-luck lunch after the ride.

Sweet Air ride on Friday, October 19

Led and reported by Bianca Paterakis: We had a lovely fall ride in the cool air at Sweet Air Area of the Gunpowder, seeing the first signs of the changing Autumn leaves on horseback. We had six riders that Friday. Pictured in our line up we have from the left Priscilla Huffman, Yancy Carey, Karen Durilla, Julie Bremmer Madill, and Frank Durilla.
Ag Farm Park ride on Thursday, October 25  
Led and reported by Laury Lobel: Six of us took advantage of the amazing weather to finally have a Last Thursday of the Month Ride at the Ag Farm History Park in Derwood, Maryland. It was the perfect day -- not a cloud in the sky, no wind, temps in the 50's, and riding buddies enjoying this incredible venue for riding, with it's beautiful mowed trails, woods and fields. Laury Lobel was joined by (from left to right) Ann Faulkner, Deneen Martin, Flo Arnold, Kathy Lipton, Laury and Mette Fields. Everyone enjoyed the ride, followed by lunch in the sun. Check out the Facebook page for video taken by Mette. Photos from Laury Lobel and Mette Fields.

Friendship and Trailride Planning Luncheon on Saturday, October 28 (there was to have also been a ride a Liberty Reservoir but the ground was too wet)  
Organized and hosted by Stephanie Brennan; report by Barbara Sollner-Webb: In Stephanie's monthly Carroll County report that she sends to over 100 area riders (some TROT members, others potential TROT members) she invited all to a ride followed by a luncheon at her house (“Relatively Stable”; see photo), to meet one another and plan next year's ride and trail work calendar. Over 20 riders came and greatly enjoyed her and Mike's hospitality and their wonderful home-made chili, supplemented by great pot-luck contributions from the other attendees (see photos). Stephanie organized fun meet-one-another events, had lovely horse face treat bags for all attendees (see photo), and gave prizes to the Carroll County members who came on the most TROT rides and who did the most trail work. [Actually Stephanie came on the most TROT rides and she and Mike did by far the most trail work, but she excluded herself and Mike in the awards.] There was valuable discussion about future horse-events that TROT could participate in, and everyone had a marvelous time. Thank you so much, Stephanie and Mike!

Anacostia Park ride on Saturday, November 10  
Led by John Angevine; reported by Barbara Sollner-Webb: Although it rained hard the day before, this trail is largely asphalt and hard-packed rock so is not damaged by riding when it would be too wet to ride at most other venues. We started at the Wells Ice Ring in College Park, considerably inside the beltway, and rode down along the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River, through parks, abutting some quite dense neighborhoods, and under many cross-streets. Because it was rather chilly for this year's ride, we turned about just beyond Bladensburg Waterfront Park and did not ride all the way into DC, which we usually do, but it was still a 2 1/2 hour invigorating outing. It is such fun to ride in a city-fied part of the area that still has a lovely trail in real nature. All the horses, especially Kate's three-year-old thoroughbred, did super going under the bridges, including the one covered with floppy white construction cloths and one with a moving train (see photo). At the end of the ride, John kindly gave each rider a big bag of cookies and Marian give each rider a sandwich, both of which were much appreciated.
TROT ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2019

The TROT Annual Dinner and Meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2019!

As we prepare for it, we are reaching out to you for help. We need volunteers to help organize and facilitate the event, silent auction items, and pictures of your TROT rides (past or present) for a slide show.

Please contact:

Corinne to volunteer:
parkoverlookfarm@aol.comontact

Carolann to donate silent auction items: blackandwhitecookie@yahoo.com

Meggan to provide pictures:
meggan.whalen@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING TRAIL WORK AND OTHER HORSE-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Reporting Your Trail Work  info from Amy Kimble, TROT's Adopt-A-Trail

As you ride, you likely break branches to clear the trail, and maybe you even go out sometimes specifically to do trail clearing. Please report these hours to Amy Kimble, TROT’s long-term Adopt-A-Trail guru (<Amyhkimble@aol.com> or text to 301-748-8310). Give her your name, location of work, and ideally the date. Amy then relays these hours to park officials, and these hours get increased funding for the parks! Note to Volunteer Mounted Patrols: your patrolling and lesson hours definitely count too; please report them to Amy!

PLEASE DON’T RIDE TRAILS WHEN THE GROUND IS WET AND YOUR CAN SEE FOOTPRINTS!

UPCOMING TROT TRAIL RIDES – plan to come on some this fall!

TROT’s organized trail rides are a fun and safe way to learn new trails, meet new riding buddies, and -- probably most important for TROT’s mission -- help illustrate to riders the value of preserving trails. While riding your familiar trail is certainly nice, it is most valuable and enjoyable to get acquainted with other trail systems in the area. And what better way than on a TROT ride? So plan to come on TROT rides! In fact, how about leading or co-leading a TROT ride in 2019, to show others your favorite venue? It is easy and rewarding, and you get a free TROT shirt for leading a ride! Contact Barbara Sollner-Webb (<bsw@hmi.edu> or 301-604-5619) to discuss maybe leading one.

To participate in a ride, please contact the designated ride leader to sign up, learn the start time and get directions. Then if bad weather causes a ride to be postponed, the ride leader will be able to notify you. All riders must wear a helmet, SHOW their current negative Coggins for the horse, and be TROT members. Membership forms are at <http://trot-md.org/join-now/> and at the rides. There are also $5 one-day memberships to encourage non-TROT riders to participate (and hopefully then join TROT).

For updated trail ride listings, please check the TROT website calendar, at www.trot-md.org or the most recent Newsletter. Updates are often posted on the Yahoo groups or Facebook page. If you want to come on a ride but do not have a trailer, post a trailering request on the TROT Yahoo groups or on the TROT Facebook page or contact the ride leader, who sometimes can arrange for another participant to pick up a horse that loads and travels well. Finally, everyone is encouraged to announce our TROT rides widely, but to protect our ride program's integrity, please include all the above requirements and do not publicly

Horses and riders ready for an earlier Rocky Gorge TROT ride, before splitting up into small all-walk, walk-trot, and walk-trot-canter riding groups.
April 6 through April 8 - Trail ride on the beach at Assateague

Ride with the wild ponies! This ride has been on my bucket list, and I invite you to join me. Day use horseback riding is permitted in Maryland from October 9 through May 14. An entrance fee is required for all vehicles entering the park. Sign up now to ensure your space. I am contemplating camping there for those who might also be interested. It is highly suggested that you check with your vet before attending this ride as many of the Assateague horses are positive for Equine Infectious Anemia.

Saturday, July 26, 2019 – Benefit Trail Ride and Dinner in Lisbon, MD

The Equerry had tried to organize a benefit trail ride and dinner, to hopefully raise $5,000 for the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department to purchase an ATV to expedite their EMTs doing rescues on the Patapsco. This event was to be coordinated with TROT and a few other riding groups, but no commonly acceptable date could be arranged in 2018. So pencil in July 26 in 2019.

County/Area Coordinator Reports

Carol County - Stephanie Brennan

Who is the Carroll County TROT member that rode sidesaddle at the Washington National Horse Show in the old armory, or the member that plays the fiddle, or who backpacked England & Wales, or who was in Berlin when the wall came down, or who lived in Japan? If you don’t know, it means you missed out on a splendid luncheon Sunday, October 28th. It also means that you will have to search out these awesome Carroll County TROT members on the trails, as I am not going to reveal the answers!

The rain may have halted our trail ride this past Sunday, but the Liberty Reservoir Luncheon on October 28th was a huge success. Besides the interesting facts, there was a plethora of food, endless ideas, and prizes awarded. Debbie Mullinix, followed by Jean Swartz were awarded a prize for the most Carroll County TROT rides attended this year (information obtained from TROT’s trail ride coordinator Barbara Sollner-Webb & TROT trail ride sign in sheets). Frank & Karen Durilla took home the title and prize for the Carroll County TROT member with the most trail hours worked (information obtained from Amy Kimble-remember to record your trail hours worked throughout the year with her!). Suggestions from the luncheon came from TROT members and numerous other horse groups such as the Mt. Airy Saddle Pals and the Carroll County Equestrian Council. “Dream Big” was my take away, and I am so excited to be planning 2019 thanks to everyone’s input regarding days of the week that work best, and places to go. If you were not able to attend the luncheon, but would like to provide input, please email me at dadsilicobra@yahoo.com. Tentative information regarding 2019 events will be dispersed in December. My end of the year gift to you!

2018 Carroll County Events
November 6, 2018 – Meeting of the Carroll County Equestrian Council
November 11, 2018 – Morgan Run Trail Work Day Carroll County Equestrian Council
December 4, 2018 – Meeting of the Carroll County Equestrian Council

2018 Outside Carroll County Events
November 7, 2018 – TROT Board Meeting
November 10, 2018 – TROT Trail Ride at Anacostia
December 5, 2018 – TROT Board Meeting

A special note regarding the closed portion of the Union Mill Trails (pictured in last month’s email): Please let Tom Robertson, trobertson@carrollcountymd.gov know how much you appreciate the trails at Union Mills, and would like to see this section repaired. More to come regarding trail maintenance and work days in the December newsletter.
Montgomery County - Friederike Grow
On September 29th Days End Horse Rescue in Woodbine had a Fall Fest, and we were invited to come and set up a table. It was a lovely, sunny day and we had hundreds come by. Many were interested in trail rides and we had one membership renewal! Big thanks to Deneen, Pat and Fritzi for representing TROT.

SUMMERIES OF BOARD MEETINGS

October 3, 2018 TROT Board meeting
Attendees: Gale Monahan, Deneen Martin, Laury Lobel Pat Olivia, Elliott Romero, Carolanne Sharp, Eliza Mosley, Jean Cooper, Brianna Schwartz, Barb Webb. By phone: Susan Montgomery and Stephanie Brennan. It was at the home of Gale Monahan.
*Treasurer’s report: Written report was submitted. Fritzi Grow informed Board of limited funds in TROT account and careful spending is necessary.
*Website coordinator Susan Montgomery reported the TROT membership portal was being worked on and ride changes can be posted as well. Please submit future ride reports, pictures, articles, ads etc for TROT Newsletter to: TROTnewsletter@gmail.com.
*Membership report: Written report was submitted. Elisa Mosley will contact Sim Shanks to review his last membership report.
*Trail Ride Coordinator Barbara Webb: John Agenvine’s yearly Anacostia ride is scheduled for October 16, 2018. Barbara reported that 13 rides had been cancelled due to the weather this year. Debbie Poole will lead a ride November 10, 2018 at Fairland, check TROT website for info.
*Trail Maintenance- PEPCO has invited TROT to opening of 12 mile multi use trail at Colton Lane, Germantown, Friday October 5, 2018. Deneen Martin will attend. Trail clearing dates will also be posted on website.
*Newsletter/Website- Barbara Webb did a fantastic job on the last newsletter- especially the tributes to Terry Ledley. Susan Montgomery will be managing the TROT newsletter starting November and the deadline for submission for trail rides, pictures and articles etc, is NOVEMBER 10, 2018. Many thanks to Barbara for four years of dedication and wonderful newsletters!
*County Coordinator Reports: No reports: Anne Arundel, Frederick, Howard (need volunteer).
Carroll County: Stephanie Brennan- 100 email sent to TROT members with renewal information, upcoming events and trail information for Gillis Falls & Equestrian center. Liberty Reservoir ride and luncheon for Oct 28, 2018- Water damage to Liberty- report any work time to Amy Kimble. Union Mills needs trail work coordinator.
Baltimore: Priscilla Huffman is scheduling a ride at Sweet Air – check website.
Montgomery: Parks have been closed due to rain.
*Events Committee: Maggan Whalen is checking into winter lectures and other informational clinics.
*Annual Meeting/Pot Luck- Jean Cooper said the dinner is scheduled for February 16, 2019 Howard County Fair Grounds. At the Organizational meeting was on October 13, 2018. Donations are being accepted- contact Carolanne Sharp.
*Logo wear- Carolanne Sharp will post pictures for the sale of TROT apparel. Carolanne has gotten prices for set up of TROT logo-first the sale of old items.
*Pennsylvania Expo- Carolanne Sharp reported if TROT wants a booth it is $100 deposit- she volunteered to donate, $135 electric, booth rent $400/$435. Volunteers are needed with only 2 badges/parking permits. There was concern that due to the distance and weather volunteers may be hard to get. Future discussion.
*Maryland Horse Council- Gale Monahan- Annapolis meeting on November 13, 2018.
*MHIB Grant Report- Dana Grabiner- Carolanne Sharp will take over Dana’s place. Thank you Dana for your dedication and the grants you secured for TROT.
*AERC Grants- Brieannah Schwartz several available/Rosaryville and Fairhill.
*Awards Incentive Proposal- Stephanie Brennan for endurance rides.
*Trail Riding System- Brieannah Schwartz —developing a review on where parks have bridges, water crossings, trailer parking etc. and rating them for riders. Survey Results from Continuous Contact responses. Brieannah gave a detailed report on her survey for attending events, topics/seminars, obstacle clinics etc, to help committee plan for future TROT events.
*Archives- Jean McKay has volunteered to organize the old TROT files.
*Parade- Fritzi Grow will send out announcement for Lisbon parade on Saturday, December 8, 2018 @ noon.

Next Meeting: Pat Olivia’s home, Wednesday November 7, 2018

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**Get your TROT license plates**  
*from Karen Durilla, TROT License Plate Guru*

HAY, stop horsing around and get serious about putting in an application for a TROT license plate for your car or truck. For a one-time fee of $25, you can have a TROT license plate forever! The Department of Motor Vehicles will transfer the information and registration fees from your current license plate over to your new TROT license plate. What better way to show you enthusiasm for horses and educate the public about TROT! Please contact me at <PonyExpressMessenger@gmail.com> or call me on (301) 703-4087 and I will help you with the application process.

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Please, TROT members in Prince George’s County and other counties that are not listed, consider volunteering as TROT’s coordinator from your county or from some subset that you feel comfortable getting more involved with!
COME RIDE IN THE MAYOR'S PARADE!

The Mayor's parade is Sunday. We have space for 10 riders and we have like 4 or 5. Sure would be more fun with more. Weather is looking good for next Sunday!!! Come and have fun walking through the streets of Baltimore city and people seeing your beautiful horse...contact me blackandwhitecookie@yahoo.com

CLASSIFIED ADS

TROT Members can place one 100-word or business card-size ad in each issue of the newsletter FOR FREE! What a great deal! You need to notify the editor if you want it to run again. TROT members wanting to run a larger ad get that $6 off its rate (listed below).

Ad rates for non-members and larger ads:

100 words $6 (each additional word - $0.10)
Business Card $6 1/4 page ad $25
1/2 page ad $40 Full page ad $75

Horse Trailer For Sale from Sandy Boyd

Two horse bumper pull ALUMINUM horse trailer for sale. $200.00 call Sandy 301-257-5177

Horse Blanket Wash/Repair from Roxy Baldwin (Sweet Rock Stables, A Maryland Horse Industry Horse Discover Center, Manchester MD)

Free pick-up/delivery available for six or more.

Gaited Lessons with Jacqie Cowan

Find Your Pleasure Gait with Jacqie Cowan, specializing in softly gaited horses for trail and show. I also help build your confidence and trail skills. Contact Jacqie at <jacqiecowan@comcast.net> or 410-923-6157.

Organically-Raised Farm Products from Leah Mack

FOR SALE: 100% grass fed beef
(ground beef $6.50/lb, roasts and stew cubes $8/lb, steak $12/lb) and pastured, soy-free eggs ($6/doz).
Organic practices. Pick up at my farm in Libertytown, MD or I can bring to a TROT ride or board meeting.
Leah Mack <1ecofarmer@gmail.com>, grazydays.com

TROT AT THE PA EXPO

TROT is going to 17th Annual Horse World Expo
Farm Complex, Harrisburg PA
Feb. 28 – Mar. 3, 2019

Logowear and Club Keychains and a Virtual Reality Trail Ride will all be available in our Booth. If you wish to volunteer for a 3 hour shift to represent our fantastic club contact Carolann at Blackandwhitecookie@yahoo.com

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