

# Circle T Trail Riders Newsletter

## January/February 2011

# This could be it!

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### NEW YEARS DAY RIDE 2011

Sixteen riders came out to enjoy the day and get in the first ride for the New Year at Governor Dick Park near Mount Gretna. It was so much nicer this year with temps in the upper forties and calm winds making it seem almost tropical compared to last year. After the ride we loaded up the horses and headed for our ranch a short distance down the road. After getting the horses comfortable with their hay bags and buckets of water we all settled around the table where we feasted on a traditional pork and sauerkraut dinner. Thank you all who came out to ride. Hope to see you again next year.



Don & Adele

It was so nice to spend a day with friends and enjoy the great ride at Gov. Dick's on our horses. I think that if the saying "What you do on New Year's Day will carry through the entire year" holds true we are all going to have a great 2011! We even managed to keep the rain away. Hope to see you all on the trail this year.

Nedra & Mike



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## 2011 UPCOMING RIDES

These are the rides scheduled so far for 2011. Mark your calendars! We still have weekends available for anyone who would like to host a ride to do so. If you have a place you ride often and know the trails well, why not consider hosting a ride there for the club? We are always eager to add new rides to our already established "regular" rides. Not sure how to be a ride host? Just ask! The most difficult part in scheduling rides is having a trail boss who knows the area and trails well enough to guide us safely for the day. Contact either me or [Tracy Hower](#) if you'd like to know more about hosting a ride, or ask a host at a ride you attend. Rides do not have to be elaborate with food, etc. So consider being a ride host/trail boss for a day. Your fellow club members will be most grateful!

Jamie MacCallum

<p>March 26, 2011 Middle Creek Wildlife Management</p>	<p>Mike Getz 717-799-9001 Ready to ride: 10:00 a.m. Ride will leave the parking lot on Furnace Hills Road at Shenks Mill Road. We will be stopping for lunch - riders should bring a lead rope, halter and some money. Directions: From PA Turnpike (Exit 286); Denver/Route 222: Continue to 3rd traffic light and bear right onto Route 272 North for 1.3 miles. Left onto Route 897 North for 3.1 miles to 4-way stop. Continue straight on Route 897 North another 4.8 miles to next stop sign. Turn left onto Sportsman Road for 0.2 mile. Turn right onto Hickory Road to stop sign (0.8 miles). Turn right on Cocalico Road then a quick left onto Furnace Hills Road (sign may be gone). Parking lot is 1.1 miles on the left. From Shaefferstown – Routes 501/419/897: Take Route 897 South into Kleinfeltersville. From the Post Office, continue South on Route 897 for 2.7 miles to Cocalico Road. Turn right onto South Cocalico Road for 0.6 miles. Turn right onto Shenks Mill Road. At stop sign turn right onto Furnace Hills road, then left into parking lot.</p>
<p>April 17, 2011 Weiser State Forest Haldeman Area</p>	<p>Ride host: Don Newcomer RSVP: <a href="mailto:dnewc@dejazzd.com">dnewc@dejazzd.com</a> or 717-664-3980 (email preferred) RTR: 10 AM DIRECTIONS From 81 South take 22/ 322 North to 147 North for 6 miles. Turn left on 225 North for 9.7 miles. Turn right on QUARRY road for 1 mile. Turn left on DETRICH road for 0.9 mile. Turn right on WHITE OAK road for 0.4 miles. Look for the ROLAND PICNIC AREA... there is a large parking area behind it.  From Tower City take 209 south / west to Elizabethville. Turn left onto 225 south for 0.9 mile. Turn left onto QUARRY road then follow directions above.  There are restroom facilities at the Roland Picnic Area.  Bring along a packable lunch as we will stop about mid-ride for a little break. There are restroom facilities at this stop. Ride length is approximately 13 miles</p>
<p>April 30, 2011 Valley Forge</p>	<p>Pat Wilson Memorial Ride at Valley Forge. Ride host: Debbie Brodowski RSVP: 610-380-1956. Saturday, April 30, 2011 Ready to ride: 11:00 a.m. at the Visitor's Center. This will be an easy 4 hour tour around the park and monuments.</p>
<p>May 1, 2011 Green Lane</p>	<p>Sunday, May 1, 2011 Ready to ride: 11:00 a.m. RSVP: Eleanor Vallone <a href="mailto:eleanorvallone@gmail.com">eleanorvallone@gmail.com</a> Ride the whole way around Green Lane Reservoir, about four hours of riding. THIS IS NEW - WE RIDE A CIRCLE AROUND THE RESERVOIR TO OVERLOOK THE DAM AND NO BACKTRACKING! There are many local restaurants; food is on your own. Water is available by a central hose at Green Lane. There is a porta-potty serving the campsite. Camping fee is \$35.00. Per the Green Lane Park Manager, they will allow two rigs per site which brings the cost down to \$17.50 per rig. Whoever signs up for the site is responsible to see to it that the area is left clean and the stalls they use are left clean. Only one registered rig per site, and one guest rig. To reserve a campsite, contact Green Lane Reservoir Park <a href="http://www2.montcopa.org/parks/cwp/view.asp?A=1516&amp;Q=26377">http://www2.montcopa.org/parks/cwp/view.asp?A=1516&amp;Q=26377</a> Park Supervisor, P.O. Box 249, 2144 Snyder Road, Routes 29 &amp; 63, Green Lane, PA 18054 Phone: (215) 234-4528 Fax: (215) 234-4027 Email: <a href="mailto:GreenLanePark@montcopa.org">GreenLanePark@montcopa.org</a>.  To find a partner for your site, get in touch with Eleanor by email <a href="mailto:eleanorvallone@gmail.com">eleanorvallone@gmail.com</a>. I'll collect/share that information.</p>

# MORE UPCOMING RIDES

## SAVE THE DATES!

*More info and directions will be published in subsequent newsletters.*

May 14 – 15, 2011	Saddle Up! For St. Jude	St. Jude Children's Hospital benefit ride.
May 27 – 30, 2011	Memorial Day Michaux Ride	Ride hosts: Eleanor Vallone and Wayne Burrows. RSVP by email to <a href="mailto:eleanorvallone@gmail.com">eleanorvallone@gmail.com</a> or to Wayne Burrows at <a href="mailto:Mountainman5313@hotmail.com">Mountainman5313@hotmail.com</a>
June 3 thru 5, 2011	Brandywine	Contact Wayne Burrows at <a href="mailto:mountainman5313@hotmail.com">mountainman5313@hotmail.com</a> RSVP is required for camping and tubing.
June 10 thru 12, 2011	Steve Frantz's Ride	Steve Frantz 570-345-4978
June 18 thru 25, 2011		35th Annual Horse Shoe Trail Ride. More details to follow.
Dates TBD	Valley Lea	Ride host: TBD
September 9-10, 2011	Gettysburg Battlefield Artillery Ridge	Ride host: Kristi Reading Please RSVP to Kristi Reading if you are planning on coming! Email: <a href="mailto:Kreading@buxtonsboxes.com">Kreading@buxtonsboxes.com</a> Cell: 609-209-5526
September 11, 2011	Codorus State Park	RSVP to Kristi: <a href="mailto:Kreading@buxtonsboxes.com">Kreading@buxtonsboxes.com</a> Cell: 609-209-5526
September 17, 2011	Circle T Fun Day!	RSVP/Contact Karen Benn: 610-589-1157 or <a href="mailto:acobraex@aol.com">acobraex@aol.com</a>
September 18, 2011	State Game Lands Hamburg	Ride hosts: Deb Billman & Kevin Wolf 484-665-0160
September 30, October 1 & 2, 2011	League of Maryland Invitational Ride	Chairperson: Evelyn Burkhouse can be reached at 410- 398-9749. Please let it ring 10 times to leave your name and number if you want to leave a message.
October 28 – 30, 2011	Anna Shaak's Ride	Ride host: Anna Shaak, 3 Quarryland Drive, Myerstown, PA RSVP: 717-866-2806.



This is a photo of Ernie and Elaine Batdorf. (Ernie is the one on Whitney, their Percheron). Elaine had hip replacement surgery the beginning of January, and Ernie has been taking good care of her.

Elaine, all your friends from Circle T wish you a speedy recovery and hope you are "back in the saddle" again soon!

Linda Weaver recently underwent back surgery. For those of you who know Linda, she has been bothered by back trouble for some time. John will be taking care of her at home while she recovers.

Linda, we wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you out on the trails again in the near future!

## Trail Etiquette—Some good advice for all of us!

1. Arrive early enough to be mounted and ready to ride at the departure time. Ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. means ride out at 10:00, not show up at 10:00.
2. When parking, leave room for others to park and tie their horses. Avoid going into areas where you may get stuck or cause property damage.
3. Repair any damage caused by your horse or yourself. Report any problems to the host or land owner before leaving, such as injured livestock, trespassers, a downed fence, etc.
4. Introduce yourself to the ride host/sponsor as soon as you arrive. Thank them for the opportunity they are providing to you.
5. Pack food and water for both yourself and your horse. Don't expect this to be provided.
6. Clean up any manure, hay or trash before you leave.
7. Close all gates you open; if a gate is already open, leave it.
8. Carry a hoof pick and a spare halter and lead, in case of emergencies.
9. If possible, team up with a "buddy" to watch out for each other.
10. Do not allow your horse to "say hello" by touching noses, or sniffing each other. Many horses will strike, or wheel and kick a new horse and have no concern about kicking the rider/leader in the process.
11. If your horse is prone to kick put a red ribbon on its tail to warn others and act as a reminder that they need to show extra caution. If you ride a stallion make sure stallions are welcome at the ride before bringing him. If so, be sure everyone knows he is a stallion to avoid confrontations arising. If your horse of any sex is unruly, leave it at home.
12. Do not ride too close to the rear of other horses. Not only may you be kicked, but you can't see where you are going either.
13. Warn the rider in front of you before attempting to pass.
14. Do not gait/trot/canter/gallop past other riders. If you want to go faster, pass first and then warn the other riders before accelerating.
15. Ride single file.
16. On roadways, all riders must stay on one side of the road, in single file. A horse is a vehicle, and must follow the rules of the road.
17. When changing gait, warn other riders, to avoid being rear-ended or encouraging runaways.
18. Pass on the left whenever possible. When passing oncoming traffic, left shoulder to left shoulder is the customary position. Just think of driving your car, minus the "road rage."
19. Do not pass the trail boss or leader. Stay with the group, don't wander off or trail blaze.
20. Don't be a chronic complainer. If you can't take some inconvenience, stay home!
21. Stay out of people's yards and fields. If you must enter, ride on the edges to avoid damage to the property.
22. Avoid livestock completely. If this is not possible, don't take it as an invitation to cattle rustle.
23. If you see a hole, or dangerous obstacle, point out the obstacle as you warn the other riders.
24. After your ride, thank your host or leader. Keep in mind a lot of work goes into an organized ride. So try to be a good sport, even if you didn't have a great time.

**Red Rose Horse and Pony Club** will be having a meeting at 1:00 p.m. on March 13, 2011 at Stevens Fire Company, Stevens, PA 17578 (near Denver, PA).

Everyone is welcome to attend. This meeting is to welcome new members to the club. It is also to welcome anyone who would like to be on a mailing list or phone chain to be aware of our upcoming drives. We are looking forward to having new people, new ideas, and new places for the club to drive. If you are unable to attend and would like to be on the list, let us know.

This invite also goes out to any riders who would like to come. You have been a great help with directing traffic at our drives.

Please contact us at 610-944-6468, [danddkennel@aol.com](mailto:danddkennel@aol.com), or at 416 Hartz Road, Fleetwood, PA 19522. We look forward to hearing from you.

Diane and Bill Callahan

*This was sent to our club for anyone who might like to attend. This is NOT a Circle T ride.*

Hello Circle T Folks

Below is some info on the April 1-3 Spring Fling trail ride in Tuckahoe State Park sponsored by the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center that I think you and your members would enjoy. You can find directions, membership forms, and more information about TEC at our website, [www.tuckahoeequestriancenter.net](http://www.tuckahoeequestriancenter.net). From our location in the middle of Maryland's Eastern Shore, you can access other parks (Wye Island, Idylwild WMA, Wicomico, Lums Pond DE) for some other good trail riding, too. TEC has a large arena, lighted jousting path, and huge barn. There are also 5 stalls and 7 corrals available to rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Trails in park follow the Tuckahoe River; shoes generally are not necessary. Other riding loops can be made on dirt roads and road edges where front shoes might be advantageous.

**TUCKAHOE SPRING FLING WEEKEND April 1-3, 2011**

Cost: \$45 TEC members; \$60 non members; \$15 children 10 and under.

\$10 for weekend stall / corrals (first-come, first-served; call first for availability)

Friday 6pm soup and sandwiches in club house, followed by bonfire.

Saturday 7-9pm breakfast in club house. Trail rides out at 10 am - routes flagged for riding at your own pace.

2 pm Pain point demonstration by Lorrie Bracaloni, an equine therapist. Lorrie can also work on problem horses (\$50 a session)

6pm Chicken and dumplings with veg., drinks and dessert

8pm Smores by the campfire

Sunday 7-9AM Breakfast in club house, followed by Trail Ride.

10-12 PM - HORSES MEET WHEELS CLINIC BY PAO LIN

(Cost if participating for weekend is \$5.00; \$10 for Drop-Ins) Many trail riders remark that their equines are uncomfortable around wagons and carriages, or even or spooked by them. This fun 4- station clinic will gently introduce your equine to carriages.

**BENEFITING TUCKAHOE EQUESTRIAN CENTER, A 501 (C) NOT-FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR WEEKEND TRAIL RIDE IS MARCH 21, 2011.**

For Spring Fling information, please contact Denise Hill at [DH3261@aol.com](mailto:DH3261@aol.com), or call 302-349-5949. Registration forms should be mailed to Denise Hill, 13270 Oakley road, Ellendale, DE 19941.

For information on HORSE MEETS WHEELS CLINIC, please contact PAO LIN at 240-274-6180 or e-mail [paobl2000@yahoo.com](mailto:paobl2000@yahoo.com).

**NEGATIVE COGGINS REQUIRED;** please have it available when you arrive.



**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN  
SO ANGRY**

That you tackled a horse?

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## Circle T Trail Riders, Inc. 2011 Membership Application/Dues

Dues must be received no later than **January 31, 2011**.  
Make checks payable to **Circle T Trail Riders**.

**Membership Type:                      Amount**

Individual                                      \$25.00

Family \*                                         \$35.00

**Senior (Age 62+)**

Individual Senior                             \$10.00

Senior Couple \*\*                             \$15.00

Mail this form along with your check to:  
Tracy Hower  
242 S. Fort Zellers Road.  
Newmanstown, PA 17073

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$**

- \* Family - Members living at the same permanent address.
- \*\* Senior Couple - Both members at same address AND both age 62 or older.  
If one member is less than 62 and at the same address as a senior, Family rate applies.

<i>MEMBER NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>PHONE NUMBER(S)</i> <small>HOME AND CELL</small>	<i>E-MAIL ADDRESS</i>

Effective January 1, 2011 Circle T Trail Riders will be sending out the Newsletter via e-mail to anyone with an e-mail address on file. Please help your club and only request a snail mail copy if you do not have access to the Internet. If you do not have e-mail you will still receive a copy through the mail. Be sure to keep your membership email address updated with Tracy Hower at [TracyGHower@Comcast.net](mailto:TracyGHower@Comcast.net). The newsletter is also available for viewing on our website: [www.CircleTTrailRiders.com](http://www.CircleTTrailRiders.com).

- Yes, please continue to mail me the newsletter.
- No, I'll help save the club money and look for an e-mail notification for the newsletter.

Circle T is always looking for suggestions and/or ride ideas. Is there somewhere you would like to go? Let us know your thoughts and preferences. This is **YOUR** club; please share your thoughts and ideas.

Would you be interested in hosting or help to organize a ride?  Yes  No

Do you have a favorite ride?  Yes  No Which one?

Suggestions/Comments:

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